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ORDER IS GIVEN TO ARM AMERICAN MERCHANT SHIPS EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS CALLED FOR APRIL 16

PRESIDENT DETERMINED TO PROTECT RIGHTS ON SEAS

Signs Order From Sick Bed After Suddenly Reaching Final Decision. Action is Hailed as the Only Natural and Unavoidable Step in Carrying Out the Policy Adopted Following the Rupture of Relations with Germany.

SOLE RESPONSIBILITY RESTS UPON GERMANY

Possibility of War Hinges on Attitude Submarines Take Toward Ships Flying Stars and Stripes—Arming of Vessels Expected to Remove Practical Blockade of American Ports. Navy Department Ready to Mount Guns.

Washington, March 9.—President Wilson from a sick bed today ordered the arming of American merchant ships against Germany's ruthless submarine warfare, and at the same time issued a proclamation calling an extra session of Congress to meet April 16th.

The President's decision came suddenly late this afternoon, following the action of the Senate yesterday in revising its rules to permit prompt action on important questions and the submission of formal opinions by Secretary Lansing and Attorney General Gregory that he has the power to arm merchantmen without action by Congress.

Details of the government's armed neutrality plans for defending the merchant marine were withheld to avoid endangering Americans and their ships by permitting the information to reach Germany. The only statement at the White House and the Navy Department was that the President had determined to fully protect American rights.

An Unavoidable Step

The decision, coming at the end of a period of tense waiting, was generally hailed as the natural and unavoidable step in the policy adopted by the President when he broke off relations with Germany and gave warning that the United States could not tolerate attacks on American ships and citizens in violation of international law.

Fraught with the grave possibility of war with Germany, the action was taken by President Wilson only after he was convinced that Germany actually was proceeding with her campaign of ruthlessness, and had made efforts to plot with Mexico and Japan against the territorial integrity of the United States.

Long before the order was given from the White House all necessary preparations for the arming of merchantmen had been completed at the Navy Department. Secretary Daniels, however, issued an appeal to the press of the nation to refrain from discussing these preparations.

The President's action sent a thrill through the Senate, meeting in special session, and through the government departments. Still hoping that war with Germany will be avoided, officials and senators declared that the issue rests entirely with Germany.

The President's Announcement

Formal announcement of the government's policy was given in the following announcement issued from the White House:

"Whereas public interests require that the Congress of the United States should be convened in extra session at 12 o'clock, noon, on the 16th day of April, 1917, to receive such communications as may be made by the executive;

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Congress of the United States to convene in extra session at the Capitol in the city of Washington on the 16th day of April, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members thereof are hereby requested to take notice.

"Given under my hand and the seal of the United States of America the 9th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the independence of the United States, the one hundred and forty-first."

In Bed With Cold

The President signed the proclamation calling the extra session of Congress and authorized the publication of the explanatory statement with Secretary Tumulty standing at his bedside. A severe cold has kept him from seeing callers for three days, and he was put to bed by his physician yesterday.

In deciding that he has power to arm merchantmen, the President took the position that an old statute passed in 1819, cited in the Senate debate as prohibiting such a step without congressional action, has no application to the present situation. He is satisfied that the nation stands behind him, and accepts the overwhelming vote in the House on the armed neutrality bill, and the known opinion of a large majority of the Senate, as proof of the attitude of Congress.

Although the bill which failed of passage in the Senate provided for a bond issue of $100,000,000 to pay the expenses of armed neutrality, the government has sufficient money available for its immediate purposes. Congress will be asked to provide more when the extra session convenes.

Under a bill passed during the last days of the Congress the funds at the disposal of the Federal war risk bureau to insure American ships was increased to $15,000,000.

Expected to Remove Blockade

Armed neutrality is expected to remove the practical blockade of American ports and place the issue of eventual war squarely upon Germany. An attack upon an armed American vessel will precipitate a fight if the ship gets in sight of the submarine and an unwarned attack would be regarded by the United States as an act of war.

Germany and Austria both have declared armed merchantmen war vessels. These declarations were based largely, however, upon the charge that British merchant ships used their armament offensively and it remains to be seen whether Germany will so class

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GERMANY RELEASES THE 59 AMERICANS

Men Captured by Raider and Taken to Swinemuende Start for Swiss Frontier

HAD BEEN IN QUARANTINE

Men Cheer the Announcement That They Soon Would Be On Homeward Journey—Attire and Wardrobes Rather Shabby.

Berlin, March 8 (by wireless to Tuckerton, N. J., March 9).—Fifty-nine Americans taken from vessels sunk by the German raider in the south Atlantic and brought to Swinemuende on January 1 on board the captured British steamer Yarrowdale, were released from quarantine today and left at 4 p. m. for the Swiss frontier. The route over which they departed was the one chosen for their return by the United States government.

News of their pending release was conveyed to them in the detention camp at Brandenburg yesterday by the Associated Press correspondent. Their attire and wardrobes were hardly qualified them for a walk up Fifth avenue but the information that their quarantine had ended and that they soon would be homeward bound elicited an instant cheer. Most of the were seamen and were unaware that the Georgic and Mount Temple, upon which steamers they had shipped, were armed merchantmen and were considered by Germany as fair prizes of war. The majority of them live in Boston, Brooklyn or Philadelphia. Their detention for the last 23 days was due to the discovery of spotted typhoid fever in their camp.

YARROWDALE INCIDENT IS NOW PROBABLY CLOSED

Washington, March 9.—Although the latest State Department dispatches today did not announce the actual release of the Yarrowdale prisoners, an official dispatch dated March 7, said they "soon were to be released," and officials here believe the long controversy over their status is about to be brought to a satisfactory conclusion. Within a few hours they should be out of German territory, and the department has indicated that with that accomplished the incident would be considered closed.

FIRE AT DETROIT DESTROYS 700,000 BUSHELS OF GRAIN

Detroit, Mich., March 9.—Investigation of the cause of the spectacular fire which destroyed the million-bushel grain elevator of the Detroit Elevator Company here today with the loss of 700,000 bushels of wheat, corn and rye, mostly for export, was begun by Federal authorities this afternoon to determine whether there had been a violation of American neutrality. Estimates of the loss were placed today at more than $1,000,000.

625 PERSONS ARE LOST AS BRITISH TRANSPORT SINKS

All But Ten of Those Drowned Were South African Laborers on Way to France

ACCIDENT ON FEBRUARY 21

The Mendi in Collision in Dense Fog Off Isle of Wight—203 Persons Saved

London, March 9.—The British transport Mendi, carrying South African native laborers, was sunk after a collision on February 21 and 625 persons lost their lives. Ten of the persons lost were Europeans, according to the announcement made today to the South African parliament by General Louis Botha, the premier. The collision occurred off the Isle of Wight. The official announcement says:

"Premier Botha stated to the South African parliament today that the transport Mendi, carrying the last batch of the South African native laborers contingent (the rest of whom were landed safely in France) collided with another vessel en route from England to Havre and sank in 25 minutes. The collision occurred off the Isle of Wight February 21. The escort's search light could not penetrate the fog, but the survivors were rescued by passing vessels. Twelve European officers and 191 natives were saved. Ten Europeans and 615 natives were lost.

"Difficulty in obtaining authentic information caused the delay in making the announcement public.

"Premier Botha said that the relatives of those natives who are presumed to have been drowned would be advised. He added that the magistrates and native commissions had been instructed to inform the chiefs, head men and the people so that they might know the truth and not heed idle and mischievous stories, which experience proved might be circulated sedulously. The imperial authorities he declared would pay compensation to natural beneficiaries."

EIGHT OF LIEBENFELS CREW ARE CONVICTED

Germans Found Guilty of Sinking Ship in Navigable Stream

Sentence Will be Passed on the Men Today—Master of Vessel Sick at Charleston and Unable to Attend Trial.

Florence, S. C., March 9.—Eight officers and men of the German Hansa Line freight Liebenfels, which began sinking in Charleston harbor on the night of January 31, were found guilty of sinking the vessel in a navigable stream, by a jury in the United States district court here late today. They were acquitted, however, of a charge of conspiracy to sink the steamer. Captain Johann R. Klattenhoff, master, is ill at Charleston and was the only one of the indicted men not tried.

The convicted men are Johann Lubeken, chief officer; George Sunkel, third officer; Jonas Edward Jansen, chief engineer; Heinrich Wattenburg, assistant engineer; Johann Wilhelm Buse, second assistant engineer; Moritz von Thulen, third assistant engineer; August Neuse, fourth assistant engineer; Wilhelm Schwarting, machinist. All are Germans except Jansen, who is a Dane. Several of the men are German naval reservists.

Counsel for the defense argued that the men should not be punish, intimating that they were only carrying out orders. The defense offered no testimony. Its motion for a new trial, was denied. Sentence will be passed tomorrow.

The government introduced testimony to show that the seal of the United States government had been broken on the wireless apparatus, which had been wrecked; that the machinery had been seriously disabled and that the seacocks were open. There also was testimony to show the wreck of the Liebenfels constituted a possible menace to navigation of the channel leading to the United States navy yard at Charleston.

The Liebenfels began to sink on the night of January 31. The plight of the freighter was observed early on February 1 by two tugs but an offer of assistance was refused by Chief Officer Lubeken, it was stated, on the ground

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ARGUMENT IN U. S. STEEL SUIT OPENS

Government Seeks Dissolution of the Corporation Under Sherman Anti-Trust Law

SEVEN JUSTICES SIT IN CASE

Assistant District Attorney Todd Opens for the Government and Richard V. Lindabury Outlines the Defense.

Washington, March 9.—The Supreme Court today began consideration of the Federal dissolution suit against the United States Steel Corporation, its subsidiaries and officers. Argument will continue until next Wednesday.

Only seven of the nine justices are sitting in the case. Justices Brandeis and McReynolds retired voluntarily in accordance with the court custom. The former, it is understood, did so because of public expressions made before his appointment, in writing and official investigations, regarding the so-called "steel trust." Without comment or explanation, he left the bench today when the case was called. Justice McReynolds while attorney general participated in the Federal prosecution, which was begun in 1911 during President Taft's administration.

In opening the government's case, Assistant Attorney General Todd pictured the corporation as a "colossal super-combination" of competing units, producing approximately one-half of the nation's iron and steel output and controlling assets of more than $2,000,000,000. He declared it was a "grossly overcapitalized" combination of combinations, with the subsidiaries themselves previously overcapitalized. Promoters, he said, received "enormous" profits, and prices had "violently risen" after the corporation was formed 16 years ago.

Outlining the defense, Richard V. Lindabury contended that the Sherman law does not prohibit combinations merely for size and power alone. Proportionate production by the corporation, he said, has decreased to 40.9 per cent since it was organized, while competition and competitors' proportion of output have increased. He insisted that the corporation is not a monopoly and has no power to dominate the industry.

Mr. Todd insisted that the combination is still "overwhelmingly preponderant" in virtually all branches of the trade, and that the price fixing holding company was not a normal development.

"One of the purposes was to exploit the public,' he added. "The holding company is as illegal as the old form of trust. The combination's proportion of trade has declined, it is true, but not substantially nor sufficient to impair its power and dominance."

For the defendants, Mr. Lindabury insisted that, in dismissing the government's suit, the New Jersey Federal district court of four judges had found that the combination is not an actual or attempted monopoly.

"It has not exercised monopolistic

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ARMED NEUTRALITY TO BE STATUS OF THE COUNTRY

This Condition Will be Assumed the Moment the First American Merchantman Puts to Sea With Gun Mounted for Defense Is Defined as State of Preparedness Against Threatened Attack by Belligerents.

FIGHT WITH U-BOAT PROBABLY WOULD MEAN WAR

All Now Depends Upon Future Attitude of Germany and Treatment Accorded Vessels of United States by Submarine Commanders—American Line Only Awaiting Official Notice to Prepare to Resume Sailings.

Washington, March 9.—Armed neutrality will be the status of the United States the moment that the first merchant ship under the American flag puts to sea with cannon mounted for defense. President Wilson made this clear in his address to Congress February 26, when he asked specific authority to arm merchant ships for defense against submarines—the steps he ordered today upon his own responsibility.

Preparedness Move.

Writers on international law have held that armed neutrality consists in placing the country in a position to defend itself and its neutrality against threatened attacks or inroads by belligerents. This state of preparedness may last an indefinite length of time, through good fortune in avoiding contact with belligerent forces afloat or ashore or through the design of the belligerent to confine its declaration of purpose to infringe the neutrality of a country to mere threats unsupported by action.

On the other hand the status of armed neutrality may change into one of actual hostility through a collision—such as a submarine attack on an armed merchantman.

President Wilson has said that it may not be necessary to put armed forces any where into action. All will depend upon the future attitude of Germany and the treatment of American ships by German submarine commanders.

AMERICAN LINE AWAITING ORDERS FROM GOVERNMENT

New York, March 9.—P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine Company, said today that as soon as an official notification came of the government decision to arm ships, the American Line would get ready to resume service. Six American Line ships are now tied up here, as yet without cargo or passenger bookings, and with crews scattered. All arrangements have been made, it is understood, for the placing of guns.

ZIMMERMANN SAYS GERMANY HAS SPOKEN FINAL WORD

Amsterdam, via London, March 9.—Dutch newspapers publish the following statement made by Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, the German foreign secretary, to a representative of a Budapest newspaper:

"As far as the United States is concerned, we have spoken our last word and the decision is in President Wilson's hands.

"We are determined to carry through the submarine war to the end. The results of unrestricted submarine war thus far have been very satisfactory.

"As to peace, I may say that despite the refusal of our peace offer Germany still stands by the words of the imperial chancellor and is prepared to place herself at the head of an alliance of states for the maintenance of the world's peace.

"As to European neutrals, I believe there will be no change in their present relations with us in the course of the war. Neutral ship owners should give up their trade with England. They have made enough money and can afford to bear the loss of English trade. They will soon recognize that it is to their interest to keep their ships at home so that they may use them to the best advantage after the war."

Dr. Zimmermann added that the military situation is entirely satisfactory to Germany.

BRYAN OPPOSES ARMING OF SHIPS CARRYING MUNITIONS

New York, March 9.—A resolution advocating appointment of a "joint high commission to endeavor to settle the question at issue between our government and Germany" was adopted at a mass meeting here tonight under the auspices of the Emergency Peace Federation. Another resolution called upon President Wilson to "summon all the great powers to discuss plans for organized and continuous peaceful relations between nations." A message was read from William Jennings Bryan in which he said he did not believe the government should arm merchant vessels carrying munitions.

NEW PEACE BOARD TO TRY TO KEEP COUNTRY AT PEACE

Stanford University, Cal., March 9.—Chancellor Emeritus David Starr Jordan will leave here Monday for New York in response to a telegram received today asking him to act as a member of a new peace board to advise to means of keeping the country out of war.

The peace board, Dr. Jordan explained, while unofficial as far as the government is concerned, expects to exert influence on the government's actions by reason of its proximity to headquarters and consistent publicity in the interests of peace. The board, he said, will be made up of leading men in the peace leagues of the country.

Tanker Louisiana Floated.

Lewes, Del., March 9.—The American tanker Louisiana, which stranded off Ocean City, Md., Sunday, was floated today with the assistance of a wrecking steamer. Ten members of the crew of the coast guard cutter Yamacraw lost their lives Sunday night in going to the assistance of the Louisiana and one member of the tanker's crew also was drowned.

Safety For Dutch Ships

The Hague, (via London) March 9.—The Dutch government has been notified by Germany that from March 15 absolute safety can be assured for shipping through the North Sea channel west of Denmark, through which transatlantic traffic must pass.

Appeal Made to Patriotism of The Press and Cable Companies

Secretary Daniels Urges Suppression of News of Movements of American Merchant Craft—None of Navy Department's Plans for Carrying Out Armed Ship Policy Revealed.

Washington, March 9.—Lacking legal authority to establish general censorship, the administration tonight appealed to the patriotism of the country's newspapers and cable companies to suppress publication and transmission of information about the movements of American merchant craft, now to be armed against German submarines.

"The best news that readers can have," Secretary Daniels said in a formal statement to press representatives, "is that the government will protect the rights of Americans to the freedom of the seas.

"The publication of details can serve no good purpose and might jeopardize human life."

To Reveal No Plans

Mr. Daniels has determined not to reveal any of the department's plans for carrying out the policy ordered by President Wilson. He previously has stated, however, that the navy is prepared with guns, ammunition, gun crews and all other necessary equipment or personnel to carry out the instructions.

Navy yard commandants will superintend the actual installation of guns on merchant craft. The ammunition, mounts, range finders and other accessories are ready at the yards. They range from heavy six-inch rifles and 3-inch weapons and smaller guns. The number of guns to go on each ship, the personnel selected from the active list of the navy or from the reserve to handle the guns, the time of sailing or the names of ships have not been disclosed.

Secretary Daniels' Statement

Secretary Daniels in his statement to the newspaper men said:

"You have read the statement issued from the White House and now you know that the President has the power to arm American merchant ships making trips on the seas on lawful errands and is free to exercise it at once. I don't think you ought to ask with what guns they will be armed or how they will be manned or exactly when the power will be exercised. The government should be trusted fully to carry out the policy announced in the best way.

"I do not think you ought to ask when the ships will be armed or print when they will sail.

"Today I requested every cable company in America not to send out any news about ships sailing to or from Europe. The wireless stations are under the direction of the Navy Department and no news of sailings will go out by radio.

"I am going to request you and every newspaper and every news agency in the United States not to print any

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Americans at Santiago Possibly Facing Attack by Rebel Forces

This is Indicated in Dispatches to the Navy Department Which State That Bands Are Waging Guerilla Warfare in City's Suburbs. Great Damage to Cane Fields is Reported.

Washington, March, 9.—American marines and blue jackets occupying Santiago, recently the stronghold of the Cuban revoluntionists, appear from latest Navy Department dispatches to be facing the possibility of an attack by the rebel bands waging guerilla warfare in the city's suburbs.

The dispatches, apparently several hours behind developments, said the rebels had turned back after fleeing the city and were doing considerable damage around the outskirts in a movement which showed some signs of developing a general attack.

A body of Cuban government troops under Col. Betancourt was reported on its way to Santiago to reinforce the small government garrison, however, and naval officials believed the rebels would stay out of the city proper and avoid any clash with the Americans.

Although the loss of Santiago is regarded here as marking the collapse of the revolution, it is realized that a continuation of the guerilla campaign in outlying sections may make serious trouble for the government commanders. When the rebels fled they left a notification that they would continue to refuse allegiance to the Menocal administration, and already they are reported to have destroyed several bridges and to have wrought great havoc in the cane fields of the Santiago district.

The heaviest fighting of the movement around Santiago developed between rebels and government troops at Palma Soriano, the navy advices said, and still was in progress today.

The marines and bluejackets, landed from the cruiser Olympia, the mine layer San Francisco, and the gunboat Petrel, to protect American interests, numbered about 500.

SANTIAGO NOT YET TAKEN BY THE MENOCAL FORCES

Havana, March, 9.—Santiago, the revolutionist stronghold, has not yet been taken by the forces of President Menocal. Although news dispatches from Washington indicated that the Menocal troops had entered Santiago, up to a late hour tonight officials here were without confirmation of the report. They expressed belief however, that the city soon would be in the hands of the government troops.

Secretary of the Interior Hevia left Havana late today by train for Caibarien, whence he will embark for Santiago presumably to take charge of the campaign in Oriente province.

Among the documents coming into the possession of the authorities with the capture of General Jose Miguel Gomez, leader of the rebels, is one alleged by the authorities to bear the

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MRS. HAND OF PENDER IS GRANTED A PARDON

Was Serving Two Years in Penitentiary for Killing Brother

E. W. Mincher, Lenoir County Convict Guard, Has Sentence Commuted to Fine—Governor Found Evidence of "Frame-Up."

(Special Star Telegram).

Raleigh, N. C., March 9.—Governor Bickett grants three pardons, they being to Mrs. Gussie Hand, Pender county, serving two years in the penitentiary for manslaughter; Robert L. Taylor, Wilkes county, serving two years for secret assault, and Harry Sellers, Guilford, serving four years for aiding and abetting prisoners to escape.

In the case of Mrs. Hand, the homicide was committed under the most trying circumstances. She lived with her husband and afflicted father and on the day of the killing the deceased had been especially abusive and was threatening to shoot her, having in one hand an iron rod and the other hand on his revolver pocket, when she seized a shot gun and shot him down.

The Governor says the woman is anxious to return to her husband and little child, which was born just 18 days after the tragedy.

Mincher Sentence Commuted

E. W. Mincher, Lenoir county convict guard under sentence of 12 months on the road for whipping a convict, gets commutation from Governor Bickett to the payment of a $25 fine and costs in the case. The Governor says investigation convinces him that there was a "frame-up" against Mincher by witness Benton and others and that Mincher is merely guilty of a technical violation of the law through carrying out instructions of the Lenoir commissioners that were contrary to the ruling of the Supreme Court as to corporal punishment.

War News Summary

Bitter fighting has taken place in Champagne, with the French withstanding German attacks and taking further trenches, says the latest French official communication. Between Butte De Mesnil and Maisons De Champaigne, French troops took prisoners and made further gains north of the road running between the two places. The number of Germans taken by the French in the past two days in this region now totals 170.

Three violent attacks were launched by the Germans in the Maisons De Champagne sector. The German efforts failed, Paris says, and the attackers left many dead on the ground. The French attack Thursday, it is announced, included the blowing up of German works on a front of 1,500 metres to a depth of 600 to 800 metres.

German trenches on Height 185 and at Maisons De Champagne, Berlin reports, were entered by the French in their attacks, but the positions later were regained, except for a farm near Height 185. Increased artillery action in the Champagne region is also announced by Berlin.

Elsewhere on the western front there have been raids by French, British and German troops, Nine raids, London says, were made by the Germans against British trenches north of Wulverghem, between Armentieres and Ypres. Berlin says 37 prisoners and two machine guns were captured in this region. London reports the capture of some prisoners from the German raiders and a successful British raid south of Biaches. Colder weather again has returned to the western front, accompanied by gales and snow, and is interfering with operations on a large scale.

Six hundred prisoners were taken by Austro-German forces in an attack on Russian positions between the Trotus and Uzul valleys, in western Moldavia, Petrograd says that three heights were taken by th attackers and adds that the Russians are making counter-attacks.

There has been no marked activity in the other fields. Petrograd reports some Russian activity north of Erzingar in Armenia, and an advance sotuhwest of Sakkiz, Persia, toward the Turkish border.

MONEY FOR CONFEDERATE REUNION HAS BEEN ASSURED

Directors of Arrangements Committee Begin Series of Meetings

Washington, March 9.—Directors of the committee on arrangements for the Confederate veterans' re-union to be held here the week of June 4, today held the first of a series of weekly meetings. A sub-committee was named to investigate the advisability of holding assemblies of the veterans in a convention hall here, or in a big tent to be erected in the middle of the group of sleeping tent son the campus near Washington monument. Ten thousand dollars has been collected from Washington citizens for the re-union, the finance committee reported, and assurance was given that the rest of the $40,000 needed will be subscribed.

ENGINEER COMPANIES GET THEIR ORDERS TO LEAVE

All Guardsmen In El Paso District to Get Away by March 21.

El Paso, Texas, March 9.—Orders were received here today from the Southern Department for all National Guard troops in this district to be entrained and en route home by March 21 in order that they may be mustered out of the Federal service by April 1. Orders were also received for the following units to leave: Troops B. C. and D. of the First Tennessee cavalry, to leave March 17.

Companies A and B. North Carolina engineers, March 12.

PRESIDENT CONFINED FOR PROBABLY ONE MORE DAY

Washington Mar, 9.—President Wilson probably will be confined in bed at least one more day because of the cold from which he has been suffering since Monday. Dr. Cary T. Grayson, his physician, said tonight that although his fever had disappeared he thought it better that the President rest completely for at least another day.

KAISER MOURNS DEATH OF COUNT ZEPPELIN

Sends a Telegram of Condolence to the Countess

Says Noted German Inventor Won Immortal Fame Throughout the World By His Tireless Efforts to Conquer the Air

Amsterdam, March, 9. (via London.—Emperor Williams, says a Berlin dispatch, has sent the following telegram of condolence to Countess Zeppelin:

"With deep regret I have just learned of the death of your husband, general of cavalry Count Zeppelin. I personally feel most painfully the death of this excellent man, distinguished by rare gifts of genius and of the heart. The whole German people stands with me in mourning at the bier of one of the greatest sons of the Father land.

"In the tenacious, indefatigable struggle for the mastery of the air he experienced successes which made his name immortal far across the frontiers of the empire—around the entire world. Called away in the midst of this gigantic war in which he so energetically co-operated in combating our enemies, it was unfortunately not given to him personally to participate in the end of the fight, but his work will be continued in his spirit by the army and the navy.

"The Almighty may console you and your family in the great sorrow for the deceased, whose fame is immortal. The memory of him will always remain sublime and dear to me.

(Signed) "Wilhelm."

SAYS FOOD SITUATION IS WORSE THAN IS ADMITTED.

Socialist in Prussian Diet Says Mortality is Rapidly Increasing.

London, March 9.—"Thus far only fragmentary reports of the remarkable debate in the Prussian diet on the food crisis have been printed in the German newspapers," says a dispatch from Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent. "The Vorwaerts, received today, contains the following passage from the speech of Herr Hoffer (a Socialist member of the Prussian Diet):

"The mortality among elderly people is increasing at a terrible rate while epidemics are spreading everywhere owing to the decreased powers of resistance. The situation is much more serious than has been admitted. The number of suicides is increasing and parents are killing their children owing to their inability to obtain food for them. Yet the price of potatoes, which long ago became generally scarce, is to be increased'."

KANAWHA RAILROAD PLANS INCREASE IN COAL RATES

Charleston, W. Va., March, 9.—Officials of the Kanawha and Michigan Railway Company announced here today that a new tariff will be filed immediately with the Interstate Commerce Commission providing for an advance of 15 cents a ton on the transportation of coal from the West Virginia coal fields to the Great Lakes The proposed tariff will be effective April 16 if granted. An advance of 10 cents a ton on coal transportation from West Virginia mines to tide water has been asked by the Chesapeake and Ohio, Virginian, and Norfolk and Western Railroads.

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and treat American craft with defensive arms.

The whole of German press comment and unofficial utterances since the question was raised in this country has indicated the conviction that any armed vessel should be considered hostile and sunk in the same way as a belligerent war vessel. There has been no official expression on the subject.

German Policy Not Clear

Germany's exact policy toward American vessels sailing through the war zone since its proclamation February 1 has not been quite clear, owing to the fact that less than a dozen such voyages have been made and it is possible that all the vessels that sailed succeeded in avoiding the submarines entirely.

The effect of America's action upon other neutral nations will be awaited with keen interest. Vessels of these countries, too, have been holding to port through terror of the German menace.

The throttling of neutral shipping both British and German experts have stated to be the most serious result of the German submarine campaign to date and to have exceeded in effect the actual amount of tonnage destroyed. Several German authorities have indicated that so long as they could terrorize neutral vessels and continue their attrition on British shipping, the eventual starvation of England was certain.

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powers," he said, "and never attempted to restrain trade except in the so-called "Gary dinner movement."

The Gary dinners, the defendants' counsel explained, were begun by President Gary of the corporation during the stress of the 1907 panic "to prevent its spread over the whole industry." He said the lower court had found the price maintenance involved at these dinners was continued too long, but had been discontinued.

Competition between subsidiaries of the corporation before they were merged, Mr. Lindabury asserted, was not extensive. They produced many non-competitive lines and much of their production of raw materials was not sold but was used in manufacturing finished products.

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that Klattenhoff was not on board. The Liebenfels, which has been tied up at Charleston since the war began, is being floated under supervision of U. S. army engineers.

Again for $1—While They Last

This Guaranteed Aluminum Cooker

The cost of Aluminum has doubled since we ordered these lifetime Cookers. At present prices, this offer would be impossible. So, in all probability, after our supply is exhausted. it cannot be made again.

Next week the grocers of this city will once more feature this Quaker Cooker offer. And for the last time, we believe.

We have supplied Cookers now to over 1,000,000 homes. We have supplied these guaranteed Aluminum Cookers for $1 to Quaker Oats users. But this offer ends with our present supply, and probably forever. Unless Aluminum drops 50 per cent, we cannot again offer a Cooker like this for $1.

But next week only we make the offer below. You can get this Cooker for $1, by buying two of our cereals which should be cooked in it.

This offer is made to induce better cooking. To bring you Quaker Oats and Pettijohn's cooked in perfect form, with the flavor kept intact. Our reward will come in your doubled delight in these foods.

We ask the trademarks just to show that you use our cereals. Unless you have the right flakes, right cooking does not help much. But, if you use Quaker Oats and Pettijohn's, this cooker is yours for $1. This is for one week only. Get the packages from any grocer named below.

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THEATRICAL

Who was it said that the romance of today is to be found in the business world?

George Cohan has gone one better—he has proved that the best field for farce is that same hustling American business world.

Having already proved it in his "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford," he has produced another farce called "It Pays To Advertise," which comes to the Academy of Music today for a matinee and night performance, with the reputation of being another Wallingford.

While the piece is accredited to Roi Cooper Megrue and Walter Hackett, there is said to be apparent throughout its action the skillful and individual touch of Mr. Cohan.

The farce is said to have all the dexterity of a game, and to keep the audience guessing, and even when the fun is at its fastest the fundamental common sense back of it all helps to give the necessary punch.

It all begins with the plot of a wealthy soap manufacturer to get his easy-going son interested in business. His stenographer enters into the conspiracy, and the two find their plot works only too well.

On money obtained from father himself the boy embarks as a rival soap manufacturer and gives the old man a run for the money. It is see-saw between them, and the ups and downs make one of the breeziest farces of the season. The prices for the matinee are 75 cents and $1 for the lower floor and 50 cents for any seat in the balcony. The night prices will range from 50 cents to $1.50. Tickets for both performances are selling at Elvington's.

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Coburn's Minstrels.

Joe Coburn has always guaranteed quality rather than quantity in his big minstrel company each year giving an entire new production every season and fulfilling all promises. This season they arrive on next Saturday, matinee and night, at the Academy of Music, and are said to have the best company in the history of the attraction. Mr. E. Clyde Clifford, a splendid robust baritone formerly of the Redpath bureau, is among the new soloists and said to be the best baritone in minstrelsy. Two new tenors, Mr. Pery Dilcher and Earl C. Rowland, are also splendid soloists and members of the quartette. It's a great singing show. The popular Lucas, their famous basso, is also with the company this year.

Big Bill at Bijou

The Universal Animated Weekly on today's big bill at the Bijou contains many big scenes of interest, among them being scenes showing building of stands for the inauguration of President Wilson; Wall street shows patriotism, Guarding Pacific Coast; Steamers That Dared U-Boat Zone; Seeking explosion Victims; U. S. Army Quits Mexico." and many other great scenes. And remember that the great Hearst-Pathe News to be shown next Tuesday at the Bijou will contain extensive views of the inauguration ceremonies and exercises at Washington last Monday.

There's another roaring big feature at the Bijou today, a mammoth two reel L-Ko Comedy scream, "After The Balled Up Ball" starring inimitable Phil Dunham with pretty Lucile Hutton, supported by all the big L-Ko nuts. Phil Dunham, in a typical L-Ko foolishnes, supported by lovely Lucile Hutton in a pair of hand-painted stockings that will cause a gasp in the most blaze audience, and Merta Sterling, one of the "greatest" actresses on the screen, make this an L-Ko release that is bound to be a laugh-getter, even in war time.

And still another feature—a single reel drama. "Sin Unatoned" starring Robert Leonard—his first appearance in many months, supported by beautiful Margarita Fisher.

Clara Kimball Young—Grand

Clara Kimball Young, the world's most marvelous screen artiste, makes another visit to the Grand today and will present the leading role in probably her second greatest screen production—allowing that her powerful work in "The Common Law" was her one greatest achievement. The picture today is a vivid and highly dramatic screen version of the great drama, "Camille," in which Miss Young portrays the title role with a startling reality and vividness that will amaze every one.

Miss Young has never appeared in a role of mediocre strength of plot and action, but always in plays with such dramatic depth as to allow full sway for the exercise of her marvelous power. In "Trilby" she enacted a startling realistic role of dramatic strength. In "The Common Law" her role was no less tense, and with pathos added to the role. In her powerful interpretation of the role of "Camille" she displays some of the most marvelous power that has ever been transferred to any motion picture screen.

Big Scene in "Patria."

"In 'Patria,' the new International serial of romance and patriotism, released by Pathe, what all technical experts said was impossible has been accomplished. In "Patria," through a secret process known only to ourselves, you will see Mrs. Castle change clothes with herself. You will see her take off the separate articles, toss them across the room, where they will be caught by herself. You will see her open a door, stand behind it, and hold herself up, as she comes through that self-same door."

So says Leopold Wharton, of Wharton, Inc., producer of "Patria," which under the Pathe banner, will be shown at the Bijou theatre here, according to an announcement just issued by Manager Cooley.

"The film 'Patria' presents an exceptional story.

"The time has come in the picture world when the public demands a good story. In 'Patria', for example, we have taken more time in its production, in working out each detail artiscally than we have ever been able to do before. It was taken in Ithaca, in Washington, New York and California.

"In 'Patria', Mrs. Vernon Castle has shown exceptional cleverness and versatility. She insists on doing all the hazardous stunts herself, and will permit no 'double' doing the things that look so perilous on the screen. She takes the thirty-five foot dive into the Atlantic, and she falls for her horse just as she does the many other hair-raising things that one sees in the picture.

"Patria" has many remarkable scenes. In one of them the foreign and Japanese conspirators start a car of dynamite that has been on a siding toward the munitions factory. The heroine, portrayed by Mrs. Castle, starts to thwart their plans. She jumps into her automobile, races the car until she is ahead of it, runs her car across the track and leaves it there. She jumps behind a tree for safety, while the concussion between the car and the automobile causes the terrible explosion. And it is a real explosion and a real car.

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IN THE REALM OF SPORTS

HANSON AND ABERG WON IN DOUBLE BILL

Fritz Sent Jack Ross to Dreamland in First Fall

Swede and Greek Put Up Classy Scrap Until Latter Was Disabled—Aberg Won Easy Victory From Fred Beell—Good Attendance.

Fritz Hanson, of Wilmington, and Ed Aberg, of Cleveland, Ohio, were returned as winners at Woolvin Hall last night over Jack Ross, of Columbia, S. C., and Fred Beell, of Cowpens, S. C., respectively. The Ross-Hanson match ended abruptly in the first fall when Ross was knocked breathless as a result of being slammed to the mat with terrific force. The men had been on the mat for 42 minutes when the accident occurred.

Beell was no match for Aberg, the elongated Ohioan winning with ease. He took the first fall in 11 1-2 minutes with a body scissors and the second in 4 1-2 minutes with a cradle lock.

Hanson and Ross put up one of the prettiest battles of the season for 40 minutes, and the tactics employed by both men were far from being gentle. Finally Hanson pinned Ross against the ropes in a standing posture and caught him with a head scissors. After punishing Ross in this manner for several minutes the Swede lifted him bodily with a crotch hold and crashed him to the mat with terrific force.

His shoulders fell flat on the mat and Referee Wade slapped Fritz on the back. When Hanson released his hold, however, the Greek lay where he had fallen gasping for breath. Dr. J. W. Hooper was called and examined the injured man, who after several minutes was able to stagger to his dressing room in a dazed condition with the aid of Dr. Hooper and Hanson.

He reappeared in the ring at the call of time, and clinging to the ropes to support himself, stated that he did not feel able to continue the match. He said he was willing to go on, however, and last as long as he could if the crowd wanted to see the match finished.

The crowd objected to seeing the game Hellene wrestle in his injured condition and Hanson also objected. Ross asked for a return match and this was promised by the local man. Ross stated that he had been riding on the train a great deal and sought to excuse himself in that way.

Both Ross and Hanson exhibited a world of cleverness and strength in their bout and from the start until Ross was knocked out ,they kept the spectators on their feet with their spectacular tactics. Fritz took the offensive at the start but finally allowed the Greek to become the aggressor and then gradually wore him down.

Ross displayed great strength and was a clever worker on both the offense and defense. However, he was a bit shy compared to Hanson, who put up his usual heady, skilful work.

Aberg had little trouble with Beell. The Cleveland grape vine let the South Carolina Dutchman wear himself out and then merely entwined himself around him and pinned his shoulders to the mat. The second fall of this bout started an argument with Beell and his backers claiming that they had been handed a raw deal.

Beell had forced the game during this fall and was on top of Aberg when the latter rolled over and caught him with a cradle lock and momentarily flattened his shoulders. Beell came from the position almost instantly and claimed that the fall should not have been allowed.

It was announced that Pink Gardner would probably appear here in the early future to wrestle with Hanson. While not officially announced at the ringside, the Charlotte man will be likely to appear here on March 20. Aberg will also get a shot at Fritz in the near future.

The Aberg-Beell match was refereed by Louis Moore while Jimmy Wade officiated at the Ross-Hanson melee. Both gave general satisfaction. The crowd was one of the largest of the season.

WINSTON-SALEM WINS STATE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Chapel Hill, N. C., March 9—Winston-Salem won an easy victory over Durham here tonight, thereby becoming high school basketball champions of the state. The final score was 37 to 20.

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DAVIDSON BASEBALL SCHEDULE IS COMPLETED AND ANNOUNCED

Davidson, N. C., March. 9.—Below is given the comprehensive baseball schedule as announced by Manager S. C. Harris. This schedule, as will be seen, calls for twenty games and includes contests with the leading colleges of North Carolina and Virginia.

March 27.—Catawba at Davidson.
March 28.—Oak Ridge at Davidson.
March 29.—Oak Ridge at Davidson.
March 31.—Charlotte Leaguers at Davidson (pending)
April 2.—Elon at Elon.
April 3.—Trinity at Durham.
April 4.—Carolina at Chapel Hill.
April 7.—Charlotte Leaguers at Charlotte (pending)
April 9.—Elon at Greensboro.
April 11.—Trinity at Statesville.
April 12.—Trinity at Davidson
April 14.—A. & M. at Gastonia.
April 16.—Lenoir at Hickory.
April 23.—Guilford at Greensboro.
April 24.—V. M. I., at Lexington, Va.
April 25.—Washington & Lee at Lexington, Va.
April 26.—Roanoke at Salem, Va.
May 1.—Elon at Davidson.
May 4.—Guilford at Davidson.

AMERICANS DOWNED TIGERS: RED SOX VANQUISHED ATHLETICS

Two Snappy Games of Basketball At Y. M. C. A. Court Last Night

In two fast and well played games of basketball at the Y. M. C. A. last night, the Americans won from the Tigers, 15 to 11, while the Red Sox took toll from the Athletics 37 to 20. These games tied the Americans and Red Sox for first place and relegated the Athletics to the cellar with the Tigers third. The High school and Red Sox fives wil meet at 8:30 tonight.

Line-ups: Americans, Myers and Hardee, forwards; Little centre; Solomon and Gallagher, guards. Tigers, Rhodes, Applewhite and Legwin forwards; Farrar, center; Rennie, Stein, guards. Goals Little 5, Gallagher 1, Rhodes 1, LeGwin 2, Farrar 1; Foul goals, Farrar 2; Little 3.

Red Sox, Ruark, Farmer, forwards, Rich centre; Davis, Kelly, guards. Athletics, Huband, Fillyaw, forwards; Gerdes, centre; Betts, McManus, guards. Goals, Ruark 4, Farmer 5, Davis 3, Fillyaw 3, McManus 1, Gerdes 5, Huband 1, Rich 5. Foul goals, Ruark 3.

DAVIDSON BASKETBALL QUINT HAS MORE THAN MADE GOOD

Davidson, N. C., March 9.—The season just closed shows that basketball at Davidson has more than made good as an intercollegiate sport and can be classed in the "major" in every sense of the word. The record of this year's Red and Black five is one in which any college might take pride—thirteen victories out of a total of eighteen games played and only two games lost to colleges, namely, Trinity at Durham and A. & M. at Raleigh, gives a final percentage of over .700 The season as a whole was exceedingly successful and neutral critics have complimented Davidson's quint as being equal to the best. Guilford, Elon, Carolina, Wake Forest, and Stetson University of Florida all met defeat at Davidson's hands.

CITY LEAGUE MEETING.

All Players and Officers Asked to Meet at W. L. I. Armory Tonight.

All players of the City League are requested to meet in the W. L. I. armory at 8 o'clock tonight. At this meeting final plans will be made for the season which will open early during the coming month. It is also probable that a team will be picked from the players to meet the Baltimore Internationals in a series of practice games during the next few weeks.

Sold to Rocky Mount Club

Milwaukee, March 9.—Catcher Eddie Stumpf, of the Milwaukee American Association baseball team, was sold today to the Rocky Mount club of the Virginia League.

MOBILIZING RESOURCES OF UNIVERSITY FOR EMERGENCY

Blanks Being Sent to Younger Alumni For Information.

(Special Star Corresponrence).

Chapel Hill, N. C., March 9.—In order to mobilize the resources of the University of North Carolina in the most effective manner for national service, should such be required, Adjutant J. B. Bullitt is sending out this week to several hundred of the younger alumni of the University blanks to be filled out for such information as would be needed for quick and intelligent action. The attempt will be made to find out what each one is best fitted to do in case of an emergency. Special training in many lines will be of great value, and by knowing how many trained men in each division it may be able to mobilize, the University can give quick response.

Engineers, carpenters, bookkeepers, typewriters, purchasing agents, chauffeurs, musicians, telegraph operators, etc., are a few of the many positions that would have to be filled adequately. Also the blanks will give specific information on the actual amount and the nature of military training already had by each alumnus.

The work being undertaken by the University of North Carolina is only one part of a large movement in all the leading universities of the country. Columbia has already enrolled 13,000 students and nearly 30,000 alumni in this manner. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is making a similar enrollment. In these institutions the alumni are lending their hearty co-operation in the work.

FOR COMMENCEMENT ORATORS

W. C. Cumming and Five Others Chosen at Davidson

(Special Star Correspondence)

Davidson, N. C., March 9.—As a result of the recent junior oratorical contest which was held in spite of the inclement weather, six men were chosen by judges from the faculty to speak at commencement in contesting for the junior orator's medal. Three from each society were chosen and Wilmington had her share of these. W. C. Cumming, being the only Wilmingtonian speaking, was accredited with a rep, and also J. A. Thames, who was formerly of Wilmington, and who has many friends there who will be glad to hear of his success. The other man in the Philanthropic Society was J. L. Fowle, of Washington, N. C., G. C. Bellingrath, L. A. Chambliss, and W. G. Humphrey were chosen from the Eumenean Society.

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NINETY-SEVEN TOWNS HAVE WATER WORKS

North Carolina Ahead in Number of Water Analyses Made

Raleigh, N. C., March 9—"A few years ago only towns and cities of ten to fifteen thousand inhabitants were supposed to have public water supplies," said Mr. Warren H. Booker, of the State Board of Health, yesterday, "but now there are very few towns in the state having a population of ten or fifteen hundred that do not have well supervised water supplies."

Mr. Booker is at the head of the engineering and educational department of the State Board of Health and has oversight of the State's public water supplies. According to some recent figures gotton together by him, 97 towns in the State have public water supplies, 58 of which are county seats. Other county seats that have over a thousand population according to the 1910 census report and that still have no public water works are Williamston with 1,574; Whiteville 1,368; Mocksville 1,063, and Troy 1,054. Other towns having a population in 1910 of over a thousand having no water works are Belhaven 2,863; Randleman 1,950; Carolean 1,892; Spring Hope 7,246; Enfield 1,167; Gibsonville 1,162; Kernersville 1,128; Dallas 1,065; Madison 1,033; Ramseur 1,022, and LaGrange 1,007.

"But the most encouraging feature about this work, particularly as it relates to public health work," says Mr. Booker, "is that not a few towns with a population of less than a thousand, according to the census of 1910, have either put in waterworks or are now making plans for the same. These might be mentioned as Saluda with a population of 235; Franklin 379; Raeford 580; Elm City 590; Bryson City 612; Rowland 787; Warrenton 807; Farmville 816; Carthage 863; Elkin 886; Brevard 919, and Murphy 977."

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New Orleans, March 9.—Showing a firmer under tone, cotton stood at the advance throughout the session of the market here today. There was an entire absence of selling pressure, and a moderate inquiry, based on good spot accounts, unfavorable new crop reports and dispatches from Washington stating that President Wilson had the power to arm merchant ships without act of Congress, put the market higher. At the highest of the day prices were 19 to 25 points up. The close was steady at a net rise of 11 to 20 points.

Tht opening was at the advance on good cables. Spot people reported a good demand and only small offerings, especially of unhedged cotton. Brokers found it difficult to fill buying orders. Bullish sentiment was increased by reports that the supply of hedged cotton was steadily being depleted.

March 17.41; May 17.18; July 17.09; October 16.36; December 16.45.

Spot cotton, steady, unchanged. Sales on the spot 2,052; to arrive 800; low middling 17.38.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF GOLDSBORO ENJOYS SMOKER

Goldsboro, N. C., March. 9.—Tonight the members of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce held a get-together meeting in the form of a smoker, and during the evening much enthusiasm was manifested by the large gathering present, all of whom declared that in the future they would endeavor to double their efforts toward anything worth while for the betterment of

The meeting was opened with a short inardw tens hfdwl da T ardl iptroductory address by Col. Jos. E. Robinson, editor of the Goldsboro Argus, who acted as toastmaster, and according to his customary slogan, "We Go Forward," used in his paper, was along the lines he dwelled in his interesting talk.

He was followed by Mr. Geo. A. Norwood, president of the National Bank, who in a comprehensive and forceful manner presented Goldsboro's needs along better freight rates and the results obtained to date and things contemplated by the chamber in the future, which was listened to with deep interest by everyone present.

Mr. Norwood was followed by Messrs. Lionel Weil and J. M. Allen, whose discussion showed that the work of the chamber had been accomplishing great things for Goldsboro, especially interesting being the points brought out by Mr. Allen regarding the development of Goldsboro's markets and benefits accuring.

Steamer Tampico Leaking

Vineyard Haven, Mass., March 8.—The steamer Tampico from Norfolk for Portland, Maine, put in here today leaking. Divers will endeavor to locate

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Saturday Specials from Every Department in the Store

Yesterday's paper gave an itemized list of the Saturday specials that you will find displayed in this store. If you cannot find the paper, come down and look through the store. They are all displayed for your easy choosing. No phone orders filled on these specials.

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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION AND GENERAL ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Wilmington and the City Board of Elections of said City by resolution adopted in joint meeting on the 7th day of March, 1917, did call and order a primary election for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and candidates from the First, Fourth and Sixth Wards of said City as members of the Council of said City to be held on the 17th day of April, 1917.

Notice is further given that the Council of the City of Wilmington and the City Board of Elections of said City by resolution adopted at a joint meeting held on the 7th day of March, 1917, did call and order the regular municipal election in said City for the purpose of electing a Mayor and one Councilman each from the First, Fourth and Sixth Wards in said City. Said election to be held on Tuesday, the 1st day of May, 1917.

Notice is further given that the Council of the City of Wilmington has ordered for both the primary election and the regular municipal election hereinbefore mentioned an entirely new registration of the voters of said City and that voters who have registered for said primary election need not further register for the regular municipal election.

The following named polling places have been designated and the registrars and judges of elections appointed for the holding and conducting of both said primary election and the regular municipal election.

First Ward Precinct—Polling Place, Engine House, Fourth and Campbell—Registrar, R. T. Darden; Judges, James Lewis, J. B. Elkins.

Second Ward Precinct—Polling place, Police Headquarters, City Hall—Registrar, W. W. Hodges; Judges, D. H. Howes, John R. Turrentine, Jr.

Third Ward Precinct—Polling Place, Giblem Lodge, upstairs—Registrar, L. H. Partin; Judges, W. G. Farmer, J. A. Austin.

Fourth Ward Precinct—Polling place, Mills' Stables, Dock street—Registarr, L. W. Warrick; Judges, J. B. King, John D. Bellamy, Jr., Jr.

Fifth Ward Precinct, First Division—Polling Place, New Engine House—Registrar, R. C. Cantwell; Judges, W. W. Sellers, L. T. Landen.

Fifth Ward Precinct, Second Division—Polling place, Old Engine House—Registrar, John Walton; Judges, J. B. Fales, W. M. Creasy.

Sixth Ward Precinct—Polling Place, Mann's Store—Registrar, J. F. Mann; Judges, W. A. Woods, J. H. Womble.

The said primary election will be held between the hours of sunrise and sunset on the 17th day of April, 1917.

The said regular municipal election will be held between the hours of sunrise and sunset on the 1st day of May, 1917.

Each registrar will, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A. M. and 5:00 o'clock P. M., on each day (Sunday excepted) for seven days preceding the day for the closing of the registration books keep open said books for the registration of the voters in their respective precincts, and said registration books will be open from 9 o'clock A. M. until 9 o'clock P. M. on each Saturday during said registration period and shall be closed for registration on the second Saturday before the 17th day of April, 1917. No registration will be allowed on said election day except to such person as shall give satisfactory evidence to the registrar and judges of election that he has become of the age of twenty-one years, or otherwise has been qualified to register and vote since the registration books closed for registration.

On the second Saturday before the election the registration books will be kept open at the polling places in the voting precincts for the inspection of electors and to enable challenges to be made to right of any person to vote in said election whose name appears on said books, and if any person is objected to notice shall be given him and a hearing granted as provided by law.

The Council has appointed Registrars and Judges of Election as hereinbefore stated, and caused them to be notified of their appointment, and will cause to be furnished all necessary books and arrange for the ballots and will fill all vacancies occurring either as to registrars or judges as provided by law, and will receive returns from said elections as provided by law.

By order of the Council of the City of Wilmington.

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City Clerk and Treasurer.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1917.

TOP O' THE MORNING.

One of the first things to do in dealing with evil is to get the firm conviction fixed in the mind, that "right is always right, and wrong is always wrong, and it is never right to do wrong." The difference between right and wrong is fixed eternally. Man cannot, and God will not change it. —WM. M. ANDERSON.

A man's character is what he is; not what people say about him.

Three Moores that we will always have with us are Soph-O-More, I. O. More and I Know More.

As a general thing, males of the species like to be recognized but they just naturally hate to be identified.

Always keep your potatoes, onions and other jewelry under lock and key, if you want them to be safe from burglars.

The majority of people might not agree with you, but you can disagree with just as many of them as disagree with you.

Under bone dry conditions in North Carolina, people know a man is crazy when he pretends to have been driven to drink.

Nations have been warring for centuries over land, but now that land has gotten scarce they will do more of the warring over the waters of the earth.

Most of us don't care what Congress does, just so it does what President Wilson wants it to do. Most everybody prefers to go on leaving it to Wilson.

The Washington government ought to be able to recognize the fact that Austria is delaying the game. She is playing a part and will sooner or later show her hand. Leave it to Wilson.

Houston has cut her automobile accidents down to eight or nine a day. This must be a sign that pedestrians have decided to keep out of the way so long as motorists insist on speeding through the streets.

"Congress sings Dixie." After all, Congress is a great deal better than some people think it is on account of the mileage grab, the pork barrel, and other things that cause a sort of national grouch.

Annette Kellermann says people should abandon the custom of wearing clothes. Annette has tried it, but the admiration she inspires would not be showered upon individuals who are shaped like a wooden clothes pin.

The South Dakota legislature has passed an act to protect a man's appendix in view of reckless operations for appendicitis. A doctor says it is man's misfortune that he has an appendix. However, it could be far worse. He is fortunate in not having two.

Says the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: "Another upward tendency in the price of gasoline is reported. Probably John D. is just making preparations to meet this year's income tax." Well, the manner in which Mr. Rockefeller will meet his income tax will convince all automobilists that they will meet most of it for him.

Tut! Tut! If our enemies would do what we want them to do and would not be mean enough to dislike what we do, we would not have any enemies. An ancient philosopher avowed that some men are hammers and some are anvils, but it can be added that in order to make everything agreeable the anvils must take all the knocking and ring true to all the hammering.

Dr. Madison Peters, a distinguished Baptist clergyman of New York, insists that Christopher Columbus was not an Italian but a Jew. However, that would not keep him from being an Italian if he were a Jewish native of Italy. Anyhow, North Carolina has not decided yet whether to let Italy claim the nativity of Columbus. North Carolina has a county named for him and that entitled her the privilege of being consulted about where he was born.

WILSON WILL FREE OUR COMMERCE

Without waiting for the action of Congress, President Wilson yesterday issued an order for the arming of American merchant vessels. He also called Congress to meet in extra session on the 16th of April—the crisis month of the Republic, it seems by design of destiny. In doing this, the President has acted under a profound sense of duty in the presence of possibly the greatest crisis that the Nation ever faced. Overwhelming American sentiment will approve the decision that he has made for the country and its honor and safety.

President Wilson's decision to act means his determination to set American commerce free. Owing to the unrestricted submarine campaign of Gerany and the threat of destruction for all belligerent and neutral shipping entering her barred zone in eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean waters, the American people have witnessed the humiliating spectacle of the American merchant marine driven from the seas for the first time in history. For several weeks American ships have been tied up in harbors, not daring to go forth upon their ocean errands in enjoyment of the international rights of a neutral. Such a condition could not be long tolerated, and it only took time to deliberate upon such a condition and gravely conclude as to the course which this Nation should pursue as a world power knowing and able to assert its rights.

President Wilson duly and wisely respected all the rights of Congress under the constitution and gave that body time to act upon its constitutional prerogative, but in the absence of such congressional action he has concluded that he has constitutional authority to act in the premises. He was so advised by Attorney General Gregory and Secretary of State Lansing, and he has indeed moved cautiously towards the exercise of a duty which he keenly feels is incumbent upon him. Under the amended rules of the Senate that body is now able to act in the matter of the full authorization that the President has felt that is needed, and we confidently express the conviction that he will now have the complete authorization and approval of Congress as he certainly will have the popular approval of the American people from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The people desire liberty for the commerce of the great American Republic, and to President Wilson more than to any other source they have looked for the assertion of the Nation's rights and the protection of its honor. The consequences of this course of the President are fraught with ominous possibilities, but they are negligible along side of what the United States of America should do under the grave circumstances that the European war has brought about.

WHAT A WOMAN KNOWS

When a woman knows something she has the faculty of knowing how to tell it in a lucid and convincing manner. Some women have remarkable gifts at analysis and have a knack of expressing their opinion without the necessity of having it interpreted. When a woman who studies is asked to review a subject, she shows markedly keen conception, as we very well know from having been permitted to read a letter written by a Wilmington college girl who was asked to think over and express her point of view with reference to a matter that women are not supposed to know much about, unless they give deep thought to it. Well, the Wilmington girl applied the necessary thought and expressed a view that was marvelous for its convincing and lucid qualities.

American women are thinking, talking and writing more than they have ever done before and they are taking high rank along various lines in which they are given opportunity. It seems rather strange that a woman should become such a recognized authority on agriculture and horticulture that she should be appointed to the position of railroad farmer by the management of one of the best known railroads of the North. She also is the editor of three farm magazines and is the author of a number of books.

The lady referred to is Mrs. Fullerton, of Meedford, L. I., and there is no surprise that she has been sent forth to deliver lectures in behalf of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association of America. It is "one on us" that there is such an association, but there is and it is doing splendid work in emphasizing agricultural preparedness during such a period as this and because of a crisis that is challenging the serious consideration of all Americans, women included. Just at the present time Mrs. Fullerton is out on a lecture tour in order to emphasize back-yard gardening in particular and garden farming in general.

At Richmond on Wednesday Mrs. Fullerton lectured in the John Marshall High school auditorium. "In a plot of ground the size of your dining room," she said, "you can raise enough vegetables to feed your family". She told her audience how to do it and illustrated her lecture by colored slides. She first acquainted her audience with the existence, the purpose and the object of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association and how it had grown in four years to a membership of 3,000 in 26 states. She urged the women present to join, and we are prepared to believe that it is a good thing for women to do so, for it offers them a broad opportunity to get an object lesson in botany, and to attain to the science of gardening and farming. When a woman knows how to farm and garden she need not have to do it herself but she becomes powerfully effective in directing the work. We learned recently that a Southern lady has made a fortune of about $100,000, beginning with a small farm and then increasing the number to a half dozen, which she directs by going from one to another in a handsome motor car. We happen to know that lady ourself.

According to the Richmond Virginian, Mrs. Fullerton emphasized in the Virginia city the problem of feeding our nation, should war come, and she pointed out that it would largely depend upon women, old men and young boys. She asserted confidently that they can do much in farming and home gardening to help supply fresh vegetables, especially as we are being forced to the point of intensive cultivation. Mrs. Fullerton urged that the example of French farmers be followed. They replant as fast as they reap, thus harvesting several crops a season. The next secret of success lies in returning to the soil the nitrogen taken from it, and this is done by planting peas, beans or clover and plowing them under.

Mrs. Fullerton told how one garden of 30x60 feet fed three families in summer and two the following winter. For small gardens she suggested vegetables requiring small space and little work, as tomatoes, beets, carrots, lettuce, beans, peas, corn, turnips and cabbage. "Don't plant potatoes unless you have plenty of space and time," she said. The fertilizing of the soil with clover and lime and the encouragement of birds to destroy insects were the two other hints of backyard farming given the audience.

Don't let us overlook what Mrs. Fullerton said about the example of French farmers, who follow intensive farming methods and keep their lands and themselves busy all the time. As fast as one crop is gathered they plant another and go on reaping and sowing, thus making it possible to support large families on from two to five acres of land. We can do that to perfection in the Cape Fear country, provided we adjust ourselves to a regular system. Already many of our farmers are growing from three to four crops a year on the same land, but they can add others and also let cattle, sheep and hogs help along with the milk, butter, meat, wool and fertilizer propositions that belong to every properly conducted farm.

BOY AND GIRL DISTRIBUTORS.

A writer has come forward to make a novel suggestion for the mobilzaition of the boys and girls in order to cut down the cost of living and especially to solve the help difficulty that war is sure to cause. His suggestion is especially concerned along the line of reduction the grocery bill, especially in the way of solving delivery expenses. The merit in the suggestion is that boys and girls during their idle moments can do all the light carrying for the merchants, or at least can be made useful by families who send for their own goods and possibly may be able to get a discount because they will save the merchants the expense of delivering goods purchased in small lots during a business day.

Bands of boys and girls can be organized by blocks and they can serve their own families as well as such as have no children of their own. The children can go either singly or in pairs and go on many errands and be of immense service to the neighborhoods in which they live. Their parents have to be interested in the arrangement, and the idea is to mobilize the children of the rich as well as the poor under the plea of patriotism. When the boys and girls understand that they are working for their country and will get paid for their services besides, it will appeal to many of them.

Already the merchants in many large cities are disturbed because they realize that war will practically put their local distributing systems out of commission. It will be difficult to get help if this country has to organize an army of 2,000,000 to 4,000,000 men. They are looking to this mobilization of the boys and girls to save the day.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mr. Fred W. Davis, Commissioner of Agriculture of Texas, has sent out a statement urging the farmers of the South to cut down the cotton acreage. This is strictly a case where charity should begin at home. Texas plants cotton early. If that State will put in a small crop, and the balance of the cotton belt makes sure that Texas is doing so, then there might be some hope for other cotton States following suit. Texas is pretty much the whole thing in the country's cotton crop, anyway, and if Texas puts in a small acreage there need not be much concern as to what the remainder of the belt may do.—Charlotte Observer.

The object of the United States in building nitrate fixation plants will be, first to insure the safe defense of the country in time of war. The people of South Carolina would not have one of the proposed plants placed near Columbia unless it were ascertained, so far as possible in advance, that the objects of the government would not suffer by reason of the location. In short, the members of the cabinet, the officers of the army and the men of science from the various departments expected here today to examine the advantages of this vicinity as a site for one of the plants will not be moved by any other consideration than the national interest and the people of South Carolina, too, hold the national interest paramount. If the showing that Columbia shall make to the representatives of the government shall not be convincing. The State, for one, will cease to press Columbia's claims.—Columbia State.

ST. HELENA GETS ATTENTION

Interesting Experiment in Colonizing Farmers Described in National Farm Journal.

"To raise useful men and women as well as good vegetables is the object of a colonization plan operated in eastern North Carolina," says a writer in Farm and Fireside. "The plan was started ten years ago by Hugh MacRae, who inherited 1,200 acres of truck land from his father. Now the colonization plan is operated on several thousand acres.

"Within the reach of all the families of St. Helena, one of the settlements, an amusement pavilion, 30 feet wide and 60 feet long, was built at a cost of $700. The interior of the pavilion is one room with a floor suitable for dancing.

"The pavilion is a common meeting place for the colonists. The Grangers' Society, a chartered organization of Italian farmers, holds its meetings in the pavilion. Mass meetings are held there too, and it is the gathering point on festival days.

"Seven families of Italians—coming from northern Italy—constituted the original society. They settled twenty miles from Wilmington, and named their colony St. Helena in honor of the Italian queen.

"The combination of land capable of high production and nearness to market contributed to the welfare of the colony. Carloads of strawberries were shipped, from one-half acre $1,800 worth of letture was marketed, and immense vineyards of Concord grapes brought rich returns to the Italians.

"With the clustering of families of the same nationality into a colony, there came an awakening of the social spirit. Their inclination for play and recreation was quite as intense as had been their ambition to acquire a home. They found satisfying expression in the organization of a brass band. Approximately 500 Italians are now happily and prosperously situated there."

THE ENEMY SOWING TARES

(Wall Street Journay).

In all the long record of German treachery and duplicity, nothing more shocking has been seen than the deliberate attempt to kindle the flames of war in Mexico with the object of injuring a friendly power, the United States, who at the time was the recipient of fulsome assurances of amity, at a time when the German chancellor and foreign minister were professing pained surprise that the United States should take a step in severing diplomatic relations, which they themselves had fully foreseen and provided for.

And yet there is little cause for surprise. Long before the war Germany for her own ends, for her commercial and political aggrandizement, had been the mischief-maker of the world. Her activities in Ireland long preceded the war. She was sowing sedition in India years before, and her efforts to stir up strife in British South Africa are well enough known. Her agents at Bogota did everything to tie our hands when we undertook to dig the Panama Canal. Nothing but Mr. Roosevelt's resolution saved us from serious trouble with Venezuela, thanks to German activities. The miracle is that we have preserved our blind faith where we could trace that sinister hand through South America and in our own eastern possessions.

In the African continent, France, Belgium and Portugal, as well as Great Britain, had continually to complain of these pestilent meddlings, with the world at peace. Holland knows what German influence means in her East Indian colonies. It was ever the German policy to keep the Balkan states in a ferment, and indeed, to her activities, in co-operation with the Young Turk party and in other ways, playing off one against another, at least one, if not both of the deplorable Balkan wars may be ascribed.

Only the Biblical figure of the enemy sowing tares fits the situation. This depraved world ambition spared nothing and stuck at nothing. Habitual falsehood was the small change of German diplomacy, so cynical and open that when one lie contradicted another no shame was expressed. The supply of such base currency was inexhaustible.

How will our pacifists explain this thing anyway? What have Mr. Bryan and the Kaiser'se devote following in Congress to say about it? Perhaps Mr. Hearst, having come to the ground between two stools, a spectacle for gods and men, will explain how he reconciles his Mexican policy with his German policy.

There is no explanation which would not be an insult to our intelligence. Germany is pilloried before the world, a moral bankrupt, the utterer of false coin, the enemy of all that is honest and loyal and of good report.

In seeking the causes of the scarcity in the market supply of potatoes, it might be well not to overlook the custom which not a few people are said to have of carrying tubers around in their pockets as a preventive of rheumatism.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

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CHARITIES TO BENEFIT BY THE WILL OF CAESAR CONE

Cone Memorial Hospital to Receive $10,000; Other Institutions Less

(Special Star Correspondence)

Greensboro, N. C., March, 9.—Among the charities that will benefit by the will of Mr. Caesar Cone are the proposed Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital of this city, which is to receive $10,000; United Hebrew Charities of Baltimore, $1,000; Hebrew Orphan Asylum of Atlanta, $1,000; Jackson Industrial & Training School, Concord, $1,000; The Masonic & Eastern Star Home, of Greensboro, $500; and the Oxford Orphan Asylum, $500. Other institutions are to receive smaller sums.

The bulk of the property is to be held in trust until the youngest son is 31 years of age, and then divided, one-half to the widow, and one-sixth to each of the three sons. The executors are Mrs. Cone, the oldest son, Herman Cone, and two brothers, Julius W. and Bernard M. Cone. The executors are given almost unlimited authority in the management of the estate, but it was desired by the deceased that the property be held together, and conducted much as it is at present.

RETURNS TO GOLDSBORO.

Mr. Winstead, Back From Kentucky, Expects Good Tobacco Prices.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., March 9.—W. H. Winstead, of this city, who is probably one of the best known tobacco buyers throughout Eastern Carolina, who has been for some weeks in Kentucky, where he also has extensive leaf tobacco interests as well as in this city, has returned home and discussing the probability of low prices for tobacco next season, which has been predicted by many growers hereabouts, says he is confident and hopefully assured that fine prices will be realized by the farmers for tobacco next season; that it is his opinion if the farmers can raise as good grades as they did the past season, prices will even be better instead of taking a decline.

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FORECLOSURE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed, dated June 6th, 1916, made and executed by W. H. King, James M. King and wife, F. V. King, to the Citizens' Bank, Inc., duly registered in Book 80, Page 400, of the records in the office of the Register of Deeds, New Hanover county, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of interest due on the indebtedness secured thereby, the undersigned will sell, at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in the said county of New Hanover, at Twelve o'clock noon, on Monday the 2nd day of April, 1917, the following described piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Wilmington, County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point where the Eastern line of Fifth street intersects with the Southern line of Marstella street, and runs thence Eastwardly with and along the said Southern line of Marstella street, 80 feet; thence Southwardly and parallel with the Eastern line of Fifth street 33 feet; thence Westwardly and parallel with the Southern line of Marstella street 80 feet to the Eastern line of Fifth street; thence Northwardly with and along said Eastern line of Fifth street 33 feet to the point of beginning. The same being a part of Lot 1, in Block 540, according to the present official plan of the said City of Wilmington, N. C.

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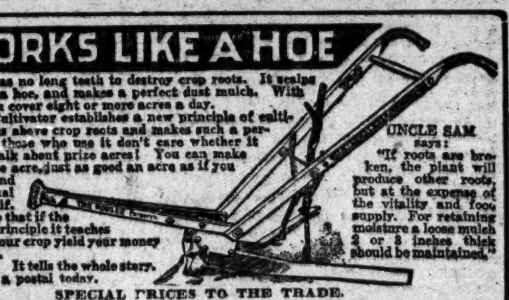

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Merchants Association Plans Campaign of Publicity

Committee Also Appointed to Investigate Co-Operative Spring Openings With View to Making It Annual Event.

With a view to giving the people of Wilmington an idea of the tremendous advantage it is to Wilmington to have such a co-operative organization in its midst, the Retail Merchants' Association at its regular meeting Thursday night appointed a committee to arrange for a general educational advertising campaign in the city.

Another committee was appointed to investigate the plans and principles of the co-operative fashion show weeks agreement entered into by the leading drygoods dealers of the city with a view to establishing it as an annual event in the commercial life of the community.

The meeting was presided over by the president, Mr. A. M. Hall, of the Wilmington Grocery Co. Instructive and inspiring talks along the lines of endeavor by the association were made by Messrs. J. C. Williams, of the Belk-Williams Co.; Morris Lipinsky, of the Bon Marche; J. M. Solky, of J. M. Solky & Co.; President Hall, Mr. R. C. Cantwell and a number of others.

An entertainment committee composed by Messrs. J. M. Solky, chairman; Morris Lipinsky and James Durham, was appointed by the president to arrange plans and provide a suitable place for holding a banquet in the near future. This suggestion was first put before the house and was approved. More than $50 were subscribed by the members toward defraying the expenses of the affair.

Great benefit was derived by all the members from the exchange of experiences and ideas regarding the various problems which are confronting the merchants of today. There was a spirit of frank earnestness and hearty co-operation displayed by all the members of the organization and all were brought into closer contact by the gathering.

The value of co-operation to the retail merchant was brought out forcefully and with telling effect in the searching and thoughtful remarks of many of the members present. A determination was shown to make the Retail Merchants Association a strong and vital factor in the commercial life of Wilmington, and through it to give voice to the opinions of a body of men who have spent their lives, energies and capital in forwarding Wilmington.

It is highly probable that the committee appointed to look into the advantages of the co-operative spring opening movement started in the city during the past week will make a favorable report and thus establish another annual institution to take its place along with the Corn Show, the Livestock Exhibit and the Feast of Lanterns.

UNCLE SAM HAS MORE GOOD JOBS FOR SOMEBODY.

Competitive Examinations March 21 and April 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12.

Uncle Sam has once more sounded the call for help, and has announced another batch of attractive positions open to eligible candidates. Examinations will be held for appointment on March 21 and April 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12. Full information concerning any of the positions may be secured by applying to the secretary of the Civil Service commission at Washington, D. C.

The list of examinations, together with the dates of same, and salaries paid, follow: March 21, market station assistant, $1,000 to $1,400; April 3, assistant pharmacognosist, $1,800 to $2,500; April 4, statistical scientist, male only $1,600 to $1,800; nautical expert, male only, $1,000; mineral examiner, male only, $1,320 to $1,500; assistant curator, section of wood technology, male only, $1,500 to $1,800; April 4-5, structural engineer and draftsman, male only, $1,600 to $1,800; April 10, technical assistant in pharmacology, male only, $2,500; April 11, engineer, Indian service, male only, $600 to $840; April 11-12, laboratory assistant, male only, $900 to $1,200.

POLICE RECEIVED REPORTS OF THREE ROBBERIES YESTERDAY

Nineteen Bags of Flour Were Stolen From Car Assigned to Corbett & Co.

Three robberies were reported to the police department yesterday morning, the most important being the theft of 19 bags of flour belonging to Corbett & Co., from a car at Nutt and Hanover streets. This case was investigated by Policeman A. L. Long, who reported that there were no clues available that would lead to the identity of the thief.

Frank Williams, a negro, who is employed by the Seaboard Air Line railway, complained to the police that another negro, known as "Shine", had stolen a suit of clothes, a cap, a pair of shoes and a suit of overalls belonging to him from one of the Seaboard shanty cars. This case was assigned to Policeman B. W. Jacobs.

The other report was from Front and Meares street, where some one smashed a glass window in the front of Gore's Grocery store and stole a number of oranges. Policeman W. H. Craig and D. W. Coleman investigated.

Dr. Brewer to Speak.

Dr. C. E. Brewer, president of Meredith College, at Raleigh, will conduct services at Calvary Baptist church tomorrow. Dr. Brewer is one of the most widely known speakers in the Baptist church, and it is expected that a large crowd will attend the services at Calvary tomorrow to hear the distinguished educator. Dr. Brewer will speak tomorrow night at Southside Baptist church.

—Mr. J. H. Shelly has returned to his home, No. 411 Dock street, after undergoing an operation for appendicitis at the James Walker Memorial Hospital. After the operation Mr. Shelly was confined to the infirmary for several weeks.

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BELOVED MINISTER PASSES

Rev. William L. Rexford Died at Residence Early Yesterday After Long Illness—Funeral Today

Rev. William L. Rexford, former pastor of Trinity and Bladen Street Methodist churches of this city, answered to the final roll call at his residence, No. 14 South Seventh street, at 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning. He was 44 years old.

Although Mr. Rexford had been in failing health for a number of years, the news of his death caused a heart throb among the hundreds of Wilmingtonians as well as to a host of others, whom he claimed as friends. Courteous and polite to old and young, rich and poor, he went to his death loved, respected and admired by all who knew him. His devoted wife will have the tender sympathy of a host of friends in her bereavement.

Of the 10 years that Mr. Rexford, spent in the Methodist ministry, nine were among the churches of Wilmington, five at Trinity and four at Bladen Street. He came here direct from college in 1906 and remained here with the exception of his last year in the active ministry, which was spent in the small mountain town of Marshall, N. C.

Graduating from Trinity College at Durham with the class of 1896, he at once entered the ministry and was assigned to Trinity church in Wilmington, where he remained for the full four years allowed under the Methodist procedure.

At the end of his term at Trinity he was transferred to Bladen Street church, where he remained for another four years, going back to Trinity again much to the delight of the congregation.

After one year's service there his health began to fail and and in search of renewed vigor he was transferred to the Marshall church. He remained there for one year and was re-appointed for another year, but suffered a break down, and was forced to retire from the active ministry. He returned last year to Wilmington where he had since resided.

Mr. Rexford was married while pastor of Trinity church during his first term to Miss Mattie Futrelle, of this city, who with an aunt in Kansas City and a brother, sister and stepmother in Oakland, Cal., survives him.

He was born in Iowa in 1873, and while still a child moved with his parents to California where he lived until 1902, when he came to Durham to enter Trinity College to prepare himself for the Methodist Ministry.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Grace Methodist church by Rev. W. V. McRae, pastor of Trinity church, assisted by other Methodist ministers present. It was at first intended to conduct the services from Trinity church but on account of the large number of friends who will attend and the smallness of the Trinity auditorium, it was decided to change to Grace church.

Rev. E. M. Hoyle, of Cornelius, a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, wired Mr. McRae last night that he would come to Wilmington for the funeral this afternoon.

Interment will be made in Oakdale cemetery. The following will act as pallbearers. Active, Messrs. E. V. McKenzie, Robert Ruark, J. W. Smith, Bruce Taylor, Henderson Cole, C. B. Futrelle. Honorary, Dr. J. H. Durham, Messrs. K. W. Price, W. B. Cooper, S. O. Frink, and R. H. Montgomery.

Members of Jeff Davis Council, No. 63, Junior Order United American Mecanics, of which the deceased was one of the leading members, are requested to attend the funeral services in a body.

ELECTED OFFICERS TONIGHT

Cape Fear Council U. C. T. Will Have Annual House Warming at 8 O'clock

Cape Fear Council, No. 374, United Commercial Travelers, will hold its annual house warming and meeting in the Odd Fellows' Hall at 8 o'clock tonight. The annual election of officers will be held and two delegates will be selected to represent the council at the meeting of the Grand Council at Columbia, S. C., in May.

The two delegates chosen will be accompanied to the South Carolina city by Secretary W. C. Smith and Mr. L. H. Burnett, who is grand conductor of the grand council, these two being standing delegates to the meetings of that body. An attractive programme has been arranged including a luncheon, and it is expected that the full membership will attend.

Plans will also be discussed at this meeting concerning the forming of a ladies' auxiliary to the council.

The entertainment committee who have prepared the programme and made all arrangements for the event is composed of Messrs. J. W. Brown, chairman, Harry Solomon and John W. Blomme. A number of the members arrived in the city on the late trains last night to be present at the meeting this evening.

CAN SELL WILD DUCKS

Representative L. Clayton Grant Says His Bill Does Not Prohibit This

Many Wilmington people, who have acquired a liking for a toothsome dish of wild duck, were much disturbed when they learned of the passage of a bill by Representative L. Clayton Grant which forbids the selling of quail, snipe, woodcock or other game bird in New Hanover county, because they thought it meant that no more ducks can be sold.

However, Representative Grant says that such is not the case. He points out that in law a generic term would be construed to belong to specific classes. This being interpreted in the language of the streets simply means that by the expression, "other game bird," no bird belonging to the quail, snipe or woodcock family can be sold. As the wild duck does not belong to either one of the three classes, therefore, they can be sold as heretofore.

Was Another W. J. Davis.

Mr. W. J. Davis, a well known dealer in second-hand furniture at No. 209 South Second street, wants it understood that he was not the W. J. Davis, who was in Recorder's court Thursday on a charge of violating the prohibition law. Everyone who knows Mr. Davis is aware that he is not the man indicted for violationg this law, but this explanation is cheerfully made for Mr. Davis in order that the wrong impression may not be given those who do not know him so well.

TO TAKE OFFICE APRIL 1ST

General Omnibus Bill Made Change in Time That Members of Education Board Take Office.

The fixing of April 1st instead of July 1st, as formerly for the termination of the terms of office of members of county boards of education in North Carolina, provided for in the omnibus bill of the last Legislature, which carried the names of all appointees, would indicate that Messrs. Charles B. Newcombe and Thos. E. Cooper, the new members of the New Hanover board, will take office at that time.

Representative L. Clayton Grant said last night that another act providing for nomination of candidates for appointment to boards of education in the primary in 1918 and thereafter may have fixed a different date which would conflict. Until he could see both acts, he did not care to express an opinion, but felt sure that April 1st is the time.

If it is clearly set forth in the omnibus act that the terms of office are to terminate on April 1st, the consensus of opinion among the lawyers is that this would be the time for the new members to qualify. Were it not for the fact that the time is now so short as to make scarcely any difference one way or the other, New Hanover might be confronted with the anomalous situation of having a Board of Education consisting of one member, this being Mr. B. Solomon, who still has two years to serve.

Chairman Woodus Kellum was appointed by the board last summer to succeed U. S. District Attorney J. O. Carr, resigned, but his appointment only held good until the Legislature could make an appointment, and that appointment has already been made, but his successor cannot take office until the time fixed by the statute.

The board has has the power to appoint a successor to Mr. J. G. L. Gieschen, who resigned in January, but did not do so and even if it had, the appointment would only have held until the Legislature appointed and the same would apply as in the case of Chairman Kellum.

District Attorney J. O. Carr was appointed by the State Board of Education in 1915 after the Legislature had failed to appoint for a full term of six years. His term of office would have expired in 1921. There are still four years of the unexpired term and as Mr. Thos. E. Cooper was appointed for a term of four years, he will become the successor of Chairman Kellum, who was appointed for the interim.

The term of Mr. J. G. L. Gieschen, who also resigned, would have expired July 1st originally, but with the change made in the omnibus bill would now expire in April. Mr. Charles B. Newcombe was appointed for a term of six years and, therefore, will be the successor of Mr. Gieschen.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Mr. Alexander Sprunt Purchases Valuable Property on Market Street.

Several deeds for important real estate transfers were filed for record yesterday, among them being one by which Mr. Alexander Sprunt becomes the owner of a lot on Market street, 114 feet east of 14th, east of the Church of the Covenant. The initial purchase price in the deed transferring the property from Hon. John D. Bellamy to Mr. Walter D. Colwell, who in turn transferred it to Mr. Sprunt, is $3,038.43. Other transfers were as follows:

J. S. Robinson and wife to Mrs. Mollie Williams, for $100 and other considerations, lot on the east side of 17th street, 40 feet north of Carolina avenue.

W. H. Shearin, et al, to Carolina Real Estate Co., for $10 and other considerations, lot at Castle Haynes.

John T. Turlington and wife to Wm. L. Smith, for $100 and other considerations, tract of 30 acres of land in Masonboro township, four miles south of Wilmington. Another deed transfers this property to Samuel and Priscilla Hartie.

Mary J. Sheahan to Marshall Shrier, for $100 and other considerations, lot on the southeast corner of Perry avenue and 20th street.

Joseph Outlar and wife to P. F. B. Price, for $50 and other considerations, lot on east side of 12th street, 66 feet north of Ann, 33 by 150 feet in size. Another deed was filed transferring this property from F. G. Bleeker to Joseph Outlar and wife.

H. M. Wells and wife to F. M. Southerland and wife, for $1 and other considerations, lot on the south side of Orange street, 40 feet from 17th.

GETTING LEGISLATIVE COPY READY FOR PRINTING BOOKS

New Laws and Journals Being Prepared for the Printers.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 9.—Principal Clerks R. O. Self, of the Senate, and Alex. Lassiter, of the House, have started their force on the preparation of the copy for the publication of the journals of the two houses, this to be completed for the printers within two weeks, most probably. There were passed 1,215 separate acts and 56 resolutions at this session of the General Assembly, compared with 1,498 acts and 65 resolutions two years ago.

The work of captioning and side-noting the acts and resolutions is being pushed under the direction of the Secretary of State, this work being done by Col. W. P. Bachelor, who has rendered this service for a number of the past sessions of the Legislature. It is a long and tedius task. He has more than half the bills captioned already and the principal side-noting done for many of the more important bills. The bills passed in the great rush of the first ten days of the session to get ahead of the operation of the constitutional amendments have all been captioned and side noted, a special publication of these having been gotten out within a few days after the emergency legislation was over.

SPECIAL TERM OF COURT AT TARBORO FOR NELSON TRIAL

To Be Held by Judge Whedbee, Beginning April 16.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Raleigh, N. C., March 9.—Governor Bickett made an order today for a special term of Edgecombe county Superior court to be convened April 16 for the special purpose of trying W. H. Nelson for the killing of two policemen and the serious wounding of the mayor of Tarboro in connection with a raid on a blind tiger there two weeks ago. The court will be held by Judge Whedbee and is for one week. The mayor is steadily improving now.

MANY COMMUNITY CENTERS

Practically All the School Districts in New Hanover Have Monthly Meetings of School Patrons.

Practically every school district in New Hanover has a mothers' club or a community interest organization which have monthly meetings and in some instances oftener, according to Prof. Washington Catlett, county superintendent of public instruction. At these meetings the work of the schools and ways and means of bettering community life are discussed.

The movement was started about three years ago with the organization of Mothers' Clubs, which Prof. Washington Catlett actively promoted and in which he has taken the greatest interest since their inception. These clubs have done a splendid work, particularly in arousing interest in the work of the schools. However, the work naturally extended to other things and now these clubs are actively promoting community propositions of various kinds.

The Mothers' clubs have done a great deal in beautifying the school grounds by having hedges planted. However, they have not stopped with beautifying the exterior premises, but have also aided in many instances in securing equipment for the schools such as pictures and other articles needed by the teachers in their work. In no less than a half dozen schools the clubs have purchased pianos which are of great service in the different entertainments given as well as in the teaching of songs.

There are many community interest clubs in the county also, notably at Masonboro, Winter Park and Wrightsboro. These clubs meet monthly for addresses, musical programmes and other features. Not only the women and children but also the men attend these meetings and they are truly community meetings because practically everyone in reach of the school house attends.

These clubs would be well worth while, if for no other purpose than to bring the people together in a social wa. However, their work extends further and aims at nothing more or less than improving the general tone of the entire community.

SOROSIS ASKS FOR SUPPORT OF THE BABY MILK STATION

Appeal for Funds With Which to Carry on Beneficent Work During Summer

North Carolina Sorosis has undertaken to raise the funds necessary to maintain a Baby Milk station for Wilmington. It costs ten cents a day to supply each baby with milk. This does not cover the nurse's salary, gas or incidentals. It is estimated that during the summer months five hundred dollars at least will be needed to carry on this work.

Sorosis disbands during the summer months, so that an appeal is being made now for funds to maintain this work during the summer as well as for the present.

Grateful acknowledgement is made of the following donations sent in response to former appeals: Mr. Philip Heinsberger, $1 a month; Mr. Marion Harris, $1 a month; Mr. C. C. Covington, $10; Mrs. W. P. Sprunt, $10; Mr. B. A. Merritt, $5; Mr. B. F. Hall, $5; Mr. V. Sidbury, $5; Mr. D. L. Gore, $5; Mrs. W. B. Cooper, $5; Mr. Roger Moore, $2.50; Mr. W. A. McGirt, $5; Mrs. T. H. Wright, $5; Mr. P. R. Albright, $5; Mr. E. S. Heinsberger, $1; Cash, $1.

Miss Columbine Munds, the nurse in charge, reported 1,483 feadings for the month of February and $5 taken in from private patients. The Baby hospital gave one half dozen bottle and Mrs. Lyman Delano one dozen nipples.

Saturday afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock all members of Sorosis are invited to visit the milk station and the clinic which is supported and controlled by the Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters.

MRS. MARTHA M. BEERY DEAD

Beloved Christian Woman Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon

Many friends will deeply regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Martha M. Beery, wife of the late Capt. W. B. Beery, who proceeded her to the grave about a year ago. Her death occurred yesterday afternoon at 4:50 o'clock at the residence of Mr. H. H. McKeithan, No. 416 Grace street.

Mrs. Beery has been a most patient sufferer for many months, having had a stroke of paralysis about 18 months ago. The deceased was a life-long member of the Baptist church and was much beloved among a large circle of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Beery is survived by three sisters as follows: Mrs. S. J. McKeithan, Mrs. H. C. McKeithan and Mrs. C. W. Hankins and a number of nieces and nephews. Surviving also are three step-sons, Messrs. W. B. Beery, Sr., of this city, and S. H. and T. T. Beery, of Savannah, Ga. Many friends will sympathize tenderly with the family in their bereavement.

The funeral will be conducted from the residence, No. 416 Grace street, this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Cavalry Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor of the Winter Park Presbyterian church. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Only Two Cases Yesterday.

Only two cases came before the Recorder at yesterday morning's session and both of those were continued. The case against Frank Washington, colored, for firing a pistol within the city limits will be heard on March 14th and the one charging Annie Brinkley, white, with disorderly conduct will be heard on the 13th. Washington was released under a $50 bond while the woman was recognized.

Notes From Colored Y. M. C. A.

The colored Y. M. C. A. met last Sunday afternoon at the First Congregational church on Nun street. Mr. Odis B. Hinnant, city boys' work secretary, was the speaker and made a splendid talk on his work. The Y. M. C. A. will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock and an enjoyable service is promised. The public is invited to attend.

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TO FACILITATE MOVING OF LUMBER FROM THE SOUTH

Railroads Establish Special Conference Committee at Norfolk.

Philadelphia, March 9.—In an effort to facilitate the movement of lumber and forest products from Southern states to points in the East and North, a special lumber conference committee has been established at Norfolk, Va., it was announced by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company here tonight. The action was taken after a series of conferences between officers of the Pennsylvania and railroads of the South.

The committee virtually will act as a clearing house in handling applications for special modifications of embargoes against domestic lumber and forest product shipments which the Eastern railroads established on January 30 on account of the general congestion and car shortage. It will be composed of the following representatives:

Atlantic Coast Line, S. A. Stockard and H. L. King; Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, E. P. Goodwin; Norfolk Southern, J. F. Dalton and C. P. Dugan; Norfolk & Western, H. L. Daw; Pennsylvania Railroad, John T. Wray, S. J. Henderson and H. B. Arledge; Seaboard Air Line, F. H. Smith; Southern Railway, H. P. Friedman, and Virginian Railway, A. F. Shafhirt.

—Over 20 High School students answered the call for baseball candidates yesterday and assembled at the Robert Strange playgrounds for the initial workout.

MAXTON CIVIC LEAGUE

Holds Meeting and Elects Officers. Work Planned.

Maxton, N. C., March 9.—At a meeting of the Civic League Wednesday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. J. O. McClelland, president; Mrs. R. M. Williams, vice-president; Mrs. Lacy Williams, secretary; Mrs. O. C. Nicholson, treasurer, and Miss Katie Lee McKinnon, reporter.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday were chosen as clean-up days, all householders being requested to clean their premises, placing all trash in convenient locations that the league may have same removed.

A committee was appointed to cooperate with the city officials in seeing that all stables, public and private, are kept in sanitary condition, in an effort to make Maxton as nearly a flyless town as it is possible to do. It was also planned to hold a series of sliver teas in the homes of the members to create a fund for beautifying the grounds of the new graded school, and perhaps to give a play, by home talent, toward the same end.

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25c white Gabardine Skirting, 36-inches wide at ..... 19¢

$1.25 and $1.50 Leather Hand Bags, all the latest shapes, at ..... 98¢

Men's 25c spring weight white Balbrigan underwear, all sizes at ..... 23¢

Boys' good quality Khaki Pants, all sizes from 6 to 16 at ..... 39¢

Ladies' 65c to 75c gowns at ..... 49¢

Men's $1.00 Fleeced Undershirts, all sizes, shirt only at ..... 49¢

Ladies' $2.50 Tailored Spring Ready-to-Wear Hats, all the new shapes and colors, at $1.95

50c and 75c Brassieres, big assortment of trimmings at ..... 39¢

Ladies' Shirt Waist, plain tailored shirt or fancy embroidered styles, values up to $1.00; special ..... 48¢

$12.50 to $15.00 Silk Dresses, most of them new spring styles, all colors and sizes, at $9.95

New Spring Suits, all Wool materials, made in both the plain tailored and the pleated models, values up to $13.50; Firday and Saturday price $9.95

Belk-Williams Company

SOCIAL

Miss Gladys Hall, of Fayetteville, who has been visiting here, has returned to her home.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dickinson, of Raleigh, who have been visiting here, have returned home.

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Mrs. M. M. Sellers, of Latta, S. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fleet, on South Fifth street.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Yopp have returned from Washington, where they attended the inaugural ceremonies.

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Miss Ollie Vick Livingstone, a teacher in the graded schools of Fayetteville, is visiting her brother, Mr. John Livingstone, No. 313 Market street.

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Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Watkins and little daughter, Virgie, are visiting Mr. Watkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Watkins, at Wake Forest.

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Mrs. Price Furpless and little son, Lanier, have returned to Southport after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis Robbins, Jr., No. 218 North Second street.

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Yesterday's Richmond Virginian: "Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Davis have returned from a visit to Wilmington, N. C.——Miss Pauline Anderson is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. D. M. McIntosh, in Wilmington, N. C."

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Mrs. N. A. Culbreth, who attended the inauguration of President Wilson, continued her trip to New York to visit relatives and before returning home also visit friends at Newport, R. I., and Springfield, Mass. She will not return for several weeks yet.

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The following handsomely engraved wedding announcements have been received by friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Spooner
announce the marriage of their daughter
Pearl
to
Mr. Osmald Lea
Thursday, March the eighth,
nineteen hundred and seventeen,
Petersburg, Va.

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While a part of the proceeds from the Wayside tea room, maintained at the junction of Masonboro and Shell roads at Winter Park, are donated to the Stonewall Jackson Training School, a large proportion of the profits from the enterprise go to the James Walker Memorial Hospital. This tea room is maintained under the auspices of the Hospital Circle of the King's Daughters, which has taken as its special part of charitable work the assistance of the local hospital.

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At their regular meeting Thursday afternoon, the literature department of the North Carolina Sorosis decided to adopt the course of study laid down by the State Federation of Woman's Clubs on Latin America. All members desiring to take the course, who have not already done so, are requested to notify the chairman at once. The March social meeting has been postponed from March 15 to March 29, at which time Rev. Dr. John J. Hurt, pastor of the First Baptist church, will lecture on the life of James Whitcomb Riley. The lecture will be in the club rooms at 4 o'clock.

LOCAL DOTS

—An automatic baseball playing device has been installed at No. 8 South Second street.

—Services at the Temple of Israel this (Saturday) morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Strauss, of Richmond, Va., will lead the service.

—Capt. Thomas D .Meares, city clerk and treasurer, has served notice on all pollholders, who will officiate at the coming municipal election.

—All members of Jeff Davis Council, No. 63, J. O. U. A. M., are requested to assemble at Grace Methodist church at 2 o'clock this afternoon to attend the funeral services of their departed brother, Rev. William L. Rexford.

Clarkton Journal: "The many friends in this section of Mr. D. L. Gore, of Wilmington, will be pleased to learn that he has returned from a hospital in Baltimore, where he went for treatment, and that his health is much improved."

—Newman's Cafe on Princess street is receiving a fresh coat of white paint in the interior that adds much to the attractiveness of the place. The interior will be handsomely decorated with a number of pictures while new and improved electric lights will add greatly to its appearance.

—Lumberton Robesonian: "Th millinery opening at the Lumberton Bargain House today is being attended by a large number of ladies. Miss Alice Scherer, an experienced trimmer of Wilmington, arrived last night and will have charge of this department. Miss Wilhelmina Fuchs is also here assisting Miss Scherer during the opening."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

—Mr. Paul W. Schenck, a prominent insurance man of Greensboro, spent Thursday in the city on a business trip.

—Messrs M. L. Ham and R. B. Hardison, prominent young business man of Morven, N. C., spent yesterday in the city, guests at The Orton.

—Among the arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday were: C. W. Wilkinson, Charlotte; G. B. Patterson, Maxton; John McKay, Charlotte; P. W. Vaughan, Durham.

—Among the arrivals at the Orton yesterday were F. P. Crockett, Southport; J. B. Gresham, Warsaw; G. T. Morgan, East Arcadia; V. D. Baker, Lumberton; S. L. Doscher, Manteo.

—The many friends of Mr. C. Leon will be glad to know that he is able to be out again after undergoing an operation and hope to see him entirely recovered in a short time.

PENDER COURT IN SESSION

Most of Week Consumed With Trial of Fire Damage Suit

(Special Star Correspondence)

Burgaw, N. C., March. 9.—The March term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases, Judge Bond presiding, which convened last Monday, has been occupied since Tuesday with the trial of a fire damage suit against the Garyburg Lumber Company. The case went to the jury today. The attendance has been smaller than usual. Judge Bond is maintaining the high stand he took when here before, in the estimation of the people, who are well pleased with him.

NEW PLAN OF INSURANCE

Wilmington Company To Promote System For Banks to Pay Premiums With Savings Deposit.

The paying of insurance premiums by banks with savings deposits, which are contributed weekly, is a unique and original feature of a system which will be promoted by the Double Duty Savings Company, of Wilmington, which was chartered by the Secretary of State at Raleigh yesterday with an authorized capital of $20,000 and $5,000 subscribed.

In a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post was an editorial on "Savings and Insurance," commenting upon the results of an attempt by Massachusetts savings banks to write life insurance. This feature appealed to Mr. F. C. Cover, superintendent of the Murchison National Bank building and he at once took up the idea with a view to adapting it to conditions in this section.

The result is the organization of the new company which will actively promote the system to which he was added several additional features. Among those associated with him are Mr. J. W. Yates, a vice president of the Murchison National Bank, and Mr. W. S. Johnson, assistant cashier of the same bank.

The idea of the banks that have tried the plan is that by cutting out the expense of solicitors and of sending an agent around to collect the premiums, the cost of the insurance can be considerably reduced. In nine years the banks that have attempted to write insurance sold 14,000 policies or insurance amounting to $6,000,000.

A sound article of insurance was obtainable at low cost, waiting for anybody to come and take it but there was no push behind the plan and no one to make it go, so that comparatively few people did come to take insurance.

Recently an enterprising Middle West Savings bank formed an alliance with some life insurance companies and launched a lively campaign to secure savers and insurers on a plan that made a man's savings bank balance automatically available to pay his life insurance premiums. Other banks are adopting the idea and an important accretion of savings and insurance is expected.

Both of these plans are meritorious but had short comings, so it remained for a Wilmingtonian to devise a system which gives promise of revolutionizing insurance and savings accounts. His idea is to furnish for a small weekly sum through an ingenious arrangement between the bank and the insurance company, an estate secured by a standard old line policy, an indemnity against loss of time from illness or accident and a savings account combined. This seems to care for the three contingencies of life and with the proper enterprise behind it should do much towards assisting the nation to a state of prosperous preparedness, if generally adopted.

WAKE FOREST DEFEATED BY COLGATE UNIVERSITY DEBATERS

Universal Military Service the Question Discussed Last Night.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Wake Forest, N. C., March 9.—Widening her scope of activity in the forensic world, Wake Forest College tonight lost a two to one decision to Colgate University, of New York State, Judge H. G. Connor, Judge J. Crawford Biggs and Dr. J. Y. Joyner deciding, after listening to one of the ablest debates ever heard in Wingate Memorial hall, that the United States should adopt a system of universal military service, according to the arguments presented.

From the time that President C. E. Brewer, of Meredith College, presiding, announced the first speaker, until the victorious Colgate cheer from the throats of the three Northern debaters, two hours later, greeted the decision of the judges, the audience in Wingate Memorial hall was clouded with doubt, so strong was the argument that characterized the debate of each speaker and so effective was the presentation of the subject matter by each debater.

Colgate University presented the two systems of military service, the voluntary system with voluntary service and the universal system with compulsory service. The first they declared an inherent failure and the latter theory they proved was needed to meet the present day situation which has so altered since 138 years ago when our system now in vogue was adopted.

The New York debaters scored heaviest when they asserted in reply to a repeated demand from Wake Forest for a definite plan that the statement of the question did not make it incumbent on them to present a plan; that the question only called for a change of policy, not the presentation of a plan.

AMERICANS AT SANTIAGO POSSIBLY FACING ATTACK BY CUBAN REBEL FORCES

signature of General Gomez, in which the burning of sugar mills and the destruction of cane fields is ordered.

Destruction by the rebels last night of a part of the sugar mill property at Palma Soriano owned by President Menocal is said to have caused the Cuban executive a financial loss of $700,000.

SAYS LIBERALS WITHDREW SO AS TO AVOID BLOODSHED

New York, March 9.—The liberal forces have withdrawn from Santiago De Cuba "for the purpose of avoiding bloodshed," according to a cable message received here tonight by Dr. Orestes Ferrara, from Dr. Rafael Muleandy.

The rebels, Dr. Ferrara said the cable stated, have taken "strong positions" on the outskirts of the city. A proclamation has been published giving absolute guarantee of life and property to everyone, no matter what his political belief, it was declared.

"Five hundred American marines have landed," the cable said, "and commander Belknap has guaranteed that the Menocal troops shall not enter the city. The city is quiet."

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SUNDAY SERVICES

First Presbyterian church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. John M. Wells, D. D., pastor.—Preaching by Dr. Wells in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 8. Morning subject: "The Fifth Commandment." Evening: "The Power of Prayer." Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Christian Endeavor in the evening at 7. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. Pews are free and all are cordially invited to attend all services.

Bethany Presbyterian church.—Services Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 3:30 and Christian Endeavor Society at 7:30. Residents of the neighborhood are cordially invited to attend the services.

Delgado Presbyterian church.—Services Sabbath evening at 7:30. Sunday school at 11. Midweek service Thursday evening at 7:30. Visitors cordially invited to attend the services.

Winter Park Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor.—Services Sunday evening at 7:45. conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 3:30 and Christian Endeavor Society at 7:15. Midweek service Wednesday evening at 7:45. A hearty welcome will be given to all those who attend the services.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sabbath school at 3:30. Junior Christian Endeavor at 4:30. Intermediate and Senior C. E. at 7:15. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. Seats free. All welcome.

Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian church, East Wilmington, Rev. H. W. Koelling, pastor.—Sabbath school at 10:30. Preaching at 11:15. Christian Endeavor at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. A welcome for all.

Harnett Street Mission, Eighth and Harnett streets, Rev. W. M. Baker, evangelist in charge.—Sabbath school at 9:30. Preaching each second and fourth Sabbaths at 7:30 P. M.

Immanuel Presbyterian chrch, Front and Queen streets, Rev. T. P. Allen, pastor.—Regular services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school 3:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

HAS ARMY OF DRUG USERS

Those in New York State Estimated to Number 100,000.

(Albany Special in New York Sun).

Drug addiction is far more common in higher social circles than in the so-called underworld, a condition responsible for the support and maintenance of a large number of "fake" sanatoriums and the market demand for innumerable nostrums advertised to "cure" the affliction. New York city furnishes the larger percentage of addicts in both elements.

This constitutes one of the important conclusions of the Whitney drug addiction committee report submitted to the legislature. Linked with this conclusion are findings which illustrate most forcibly, Senator George H. Whitney says, the necessity of the most thorough investigation of drug addiction by the medical profession and the ascertainment of treatment and cure.

The report says there is no recognized and efficacious form of treatment or cure; that the medical profession is divided as to what constitutes proper care of addicts, and that the number of addicts is growing. It is estimated that at the present time there are 100,000 drug addicts in New York State.

Testimony taken by the committee shows that while the legal distribution of the drug is less than before the enactment of existing anti-narcotic laws, both Federal and State, public consumption of narcotic drugs has increased to an alarming extent. The inevitable conclusion is that the unfortunate addict has been forced to obtain his supply illegally. The findings of the committee based on testimony taken in all the larger cities are:

"That incontrovertible evidence exists which classifies addiction to narcotic drugs as a disease and not as a vicious habit which can be broken at will.

"That past identification and treatment of drug addictions as a habit by the medical profession at large has resulted in methods of treatment and so-called cures directly responsible for the impaired health and death of many addicts.

"That the life of the committee should be extended and its powers enlarged to investigate further narcotic drug addiction, in association with recognized medical authorities, with a view to evolving humane and efficient treatment by the state.

"That a legitimate supply of narcotic drug should be established for addicts to be dispensed under suitable state regulations, pending treatment and cure.

"That private sanatoriums and institutions found under investigation to be conducted for the sole purpose of exploiting addiction and so-called narcotic drug addiction 'cures' should be regulated by the State.

"That physicians treating cases of narcotic drug addiction should be compelled to register their addiction cases with the state department of health to the end that a record of addictions may be kept and advice offered to the addict seeking cure.

"That legislation be enacted by the state to prevent, as far as possible, the making of new addicts."

SEEK RELIEF FROM COTTON CONGESTION AT MEMPHIS

Memphis, Tenn., March. 9.—Preliminary to legal action, it was stated, telegrams were sent tonight to members of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Tennessee delegation in Congress asking that immediate action be taken to relieve the congestion here of cotton destined for New York and other pointsh in the East. Executive officers of intermediate roads which, it was asserted, had refused to accept shipments from railroads operating out of this city, also were appealed to.

U. S. HAS GIVEN LESS THAN $10,000,000 TO THE BELGIANS

New York, March 9.—The United States has contributed a total of $9,980,602 to Belgium relief, according to a statement made by the Commission for Relief in Belgium here tonight. This sum, the commission stated, was less than 4 per cent of approximately $250,000,000 that has been spent by the commission in Belgium and northern France.

Fletcher at Mexico City

Mexico City, March. 9.—Henry P. Fletcher, the American ambassador, arrived here tonight after a trip to Guadalajara where he presented his credentials to General Carranza.

BOTH PARTIES CLAIM HOUSE ORGANIZATION

Democratic and Republican Leaders Are Optimistic

However, Unbiased Observers Predict There Will Be Long and Bitter Fight Unless There Is Coalition Agreement

Washington, March 9.—Optimistic forecasts of the control of the next House came quickly from Democratic and Republicans leaders tonight when they heard of the President's call for an extra session of Congress April 16. Many unbiased observers, however, foresee only a long and bitter organization fight unless a coalition agreement prevents.

Both Speaker Clark and Representative Woods, of Iowa, chairman of the Republican congressional committee, predicted victory for their respective parties. Each said his party was assured of at least 218 votes and that this probably would be its minimum strength. The official standing of the incoming House is as follows:

Republicans, 215; Democrats, 214; Prohibitionist, 1; Progressive 1; Progressive-Protectionist 1; Socialist 1; Independent 1; vacant 1.

The vacancy exists in the fifth New York district, which is overwhelmingly Democratic. Under the New York law this vacancy can be filled before the extra session begins should Governor Whitman call a special election. It would make virtually certain a tie at 215 between the Democratic and Republican membership on the opening day of the session. Then the winning side would have to gain the votes of three of the five so-called independents to have a majority.

Republican leaders are worried over the illness of three of their members and the statement of the fourth that he does not favor Representative Mann for speaker.

All of the newly elected Democratic and Republican members probably will be summoned here for caucuses a week or ten days before Congress is reconvened. Several former Progressives now enrolled as Republicans, it is understood, will decline to be bound by caucus rules.

Some members of both old parties would not be surprised to see a coalition agreement before April 16 and the slate carried through with a rush before the end of the first day. Success of the bi-partisan proposal will depend in a great measure on the international situation five weeks hence. Neither side proposes to permit weeks of useless balloting for speaker to tie up important government business.

The Democrats control the new Senate by 12 votes and despite the bitter debates on international problems and its failure to pass the armed neutrality bill, it can be safely counted upon to stand behind the President in almost anything he asks in handling the German situation. The power of the little group of pacifists to defeat legislation would be negligible in a session that might last until December, even without the modified cloture rule which the Senate adopted yesterday. House leaders say it will make but little difference which party controls that body when it comes to questions involving the handling of international problems, but when the President goes beyond legislation of this character, he may not have such easy sailing.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON 6 TO 21 POINTS UP

Part of the Recent Reaction Is Recovered on Renewed Covering or Near Month Purchases.

New York, March 9.—There was a renewal of covering or trade buying of the near months in the cotton market today and prices recovered part of the recent reaction with May selling up to 17.74 or 28 points net higher and closing at 17.75. The general list closed steady at a net advance of 6 to 21 points.

Early fluctuations were somewhat irregular, owing to continued nervousness over shipping conditions. After opening steady at an advance of 9 to 18 points the market reacted slightly but prices soon turned firmer, chiefly as the result of covering. Reports of continued sales from the local stock which is being gradually reduced by shipments, and the small offerings seemed to account for the renewed nervousness of shorts.

The market sold up to 17.88 for March and 17.61 for July or about 27 to 28 point snet higher, while October touched 16.78 or 17 points above last night's close. The advance was then checked by realizing and last prices showed reactions of 8 or 10 points, from the best.

	Open	High	Low	Close
March	17.65	17.88	17.73	17.81
May	17.55	17.74	17.55	17.65
July	17.44	17.61	17.42	17.50
Oct	16.67	16.78	16.67	16.70
Dec.	16.80	16.86	16.80	16.79

Spot cotton, steady; middling 18.00. 18.00.

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 17.38; receipts 1,531; sales 2,352; stock 420,487.

Galveston—Middling 18.10; receipts 6,830; sales 800; stock 265,434.

Mobile—Middling 17.50; receipts 122; stock 9,059.

Savannah—Middling 18.50; receipts 534; stock 148,089.

Charleston—Receipts 124; stock 38,575.

Wilmington—Receipts 177; stock 51,894.

Norfolk—Middling 18.13; receipts 1,455; sales 305; stock 98,382.

Baltimore—Receipts 328; exports 1,793; stock 18,375.

Boston—Middling 17.80; receipts 50; stock 12,384.

Philadelphia—Middling 18.25; stock 2,913.

New York—Middling 18.00; receipts 10; exports 5,631; stock 144,821.

Minor Ports—Receipts 2,201; exports 9,221; stock 45,367.

Atlanta (weekly)—Stock 72,994.

Total today—Receipts 13,362; exports 16,645; stock 1,256,280.

Total for week—Receipts 69,309; exports 70,131.

Total for season—Receipts 5,979,472; exports 4,159,279.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling 17.80; receipts 2,871; shipments 2,564; sales 3,312; stock 142,614.

Memphis—Middling 17.75; receipts 2,032; shipments 1,439; sales 2,000; stock 364,783.

Augusta—Middling 18.25; receipts 318; shipments 456; sales 673; stock 114,377.

St. Louis—Middling 17.75; receipts 5,337; shipments 5,336; sales 122; stock 39,048.

Cincinnati—Receipts 213; stock 22,927.

Little Rock—Middling 17.50; receipts 192; shipments 705; sales 705; stock 36,736.

Dallas—Middling 17.35; sales 482.

Montgomery—Middling 18.25; sales 39

Total today—Receipts 10,413; shipments 10,602; stock 709,885.

HESTER'S WEEKLY STATEMENT.

Comparisons are to actual dates, not to close of corresponding weeks. In thousands bales:

In sight for week, 108.

In sight same seven days last year, 148.

In sight for the month, 139.

In sight same date last year, 138.

In sight for the season 10,944.

In sight same date last year, 10,213.

Port receipts for season, 5,979.

Port receipts same date last year, 5,826.

Overland to mills and Canada for season, 1,041.

Overland same date last year, 917.

Southern mill takings for season, 3,270.

Southern mill takings same date last year, 2,870.

Interior stocks in excess of August 1st, 654.

Interior stocks last year, 600.

Foreign exports for week, 70.

Foreign exports same seven days last year, 33.

Foreign exports for season, 4,159.

Foreign exports same date last year, 3,624.

Northern spinners' takings and Canada for week, 51.

Northern spinners' takings same seven days last year, 47.

Northern spinners' takings for season, 1,931.

Northern spinners' takings to same date last year, 2,216.

Statement of World's Visible Supply:

Total visible this week, 4,582.

Total visible last week, 4,807.

Total visible same date last year, 5,698.

Of this the total American this week, 3,655.

Total American last week, 3,756.

Total American last year, 4,062.

All other kinds this week, 928.

All other kinds last week, 1,050.

All other kinds last year, 1,635.

Visible in the United States this week, 2,230.

Visible in the United States this date last year, 2,475.

Visible in other countries this week, 2,353.

Visible in other countries this date last year, 3,223.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, March 9.—Hogs, lower, 15 to 20c under yesterday's close; bulk 14.20 to 15.00; light 14.25 to 14 95; mixed 14.50 to 15.05; heavy 14.45 to 15.10; rough 14.45 to 14.60; pigs 11.35 to 13.75.

Cattle—Steady; native beef cattle 8.50 to 13.50; stockers and feeders 6.60 to 9.60; cows and heifers 5.60 to 10 50; calves 9.50 to 13.25.

Sheep—Firm; wethers 11.00 to 12.40; ewes 8.35 to 12.15; lambs 12.40 to 15.05.

WEEKLY COTTON SUMMARY

Prices Recede From High Level Reached Early in Week—Unfavorable Political Situation.

New York, March 9.—The buying movement in cotton which had been set in motion by the small number of notices issued against March contracts toward the end of last month, appeared to culminate when May sold at 17.98 at the beginning of the week just ended. This made an advance of approximately $9.00 per bale within a period of ten days, and of practically 5½ cents per pound from the low price touched on the big break on February 1.

Many traders regarded the upward movement as a readjustment between contract and spot values. Demand slackened, however, as prices approached the 18-cent level, and the easier technical position was reflected in realizing or selling for a reaction. This tendency was increased by confusing political developments. Reports of higher ocean rates and marine war risks undoubtedly caused nervousness, and there were also reports from New Orleans that Liverpool agents were withdrawing freight rates. This led to a belief that British bottoms were being shifted from cotton to other trades and May sold off to 17.40 during the middle of the week, or 58 points from the high level. New crop months reacted also, but were relatively steady and the market today steadied up several points from the lowest on renewed covering by old crop shorts. Reports of further sales from the local stock appeared to be a factor on the rally toward the end of the week combined with bullish Liverpool statistics, and the appearance of a few trade buying orders on declines. Bullish crop advices have continued to come in from some sections, while low temperatures and deficiency of rainfall in the Southwest have caused some apprehension, although it was almost generally considered too early in the season for such advices to create a decided sentiment.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Santa Rosalia, 3,488 tons, Jones, Heide & Co.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,285 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, March 9.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—48½c.

ROSIN—Nominal.

TAR—$2.75-12½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal; rosin, nominal; tar, 91.70-8c; crude turpentine, $3.25; $3.25 and $2.25.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine .....(—)

Rosin .....(—)

Tar 239

Crude Turpentine .....(—)

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, 42 barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal; same day last year 11⅛c.

Receipts—161 bales; same day last year, 178 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date 78,377 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 150,841 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at March 9, 1917.

Atlantic Coast Line—30 bales cotton; 159 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—131 bales cotten. Str. Thelma—70 barrels tar.

Str. Luray—10 barrels tar.

Total—161 bales cotton; 239 barrels tar.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Purchase price quoted by W. J. Meredith, March 9.)

SWEET POTATOES — Yams, 75c. to 85c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 per bu.

CORN—$1.15 to $1.17½ per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—10c to 12c per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22 1-2c; first class wool, 20c. to 35c.; highest grade, washed wool, 35c.

HIDES—Green, salt, 13c. to 20c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders ,15c. to 16c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 25c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY — Turkeys, 20c. on foot; dressed, 25c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c. to 50c.; spring, 20c. to 25c. head.

EGGS—28c to 30c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, March 9.—North Carolina peanuts, new crop, farmers' stock, fancy hand-picked, $1.40; No. 1, machine, $1.35 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 85c; fancy hand picked, 80c; No. 1 machine picked, 75c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.40; Jumbos, $1.35 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., March 9.—Spanish—Farmers' stock—Market firm, $1.62½ per bushel.

Virginias, Farmers' stock—Market steady. Fancy jumbo, 5c per lb.; Extra Prime, 4¾c per lb.; Prime, 4½c per lb.; Shelling stock, 3½ to 4¼c per lb.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, March 9.—Mercantile paper 4 to 4¼. Sterling 60 day bills 4.71; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.71; commercial 60 day bills 4.70¾; demand 4.75⅝; cables 4.76 7-16. Bar silver 75⅛. Mexican dollars 58½. Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, strong. Time loans steady; 60 days 3⅝ to 4; 90 days 3⅝ to 4; six months 4 to 4¼. Call money steady; ruling rate 2¼.

STOCKS STRONG AND ACTIVE

Various Constructive Elements Help the Market—Reserve Board Statement Has Effect

New York, March 9.—Various constructive developments contributed to the strength and activity of today's market, in which rails shared, to a limited extent. Foremost among the favorable factors was the statement of the Federal Reserve Board, which revealed a more friendly attitude regarding American investment in foreign loans.

Pittsburg and other industrial centres reported additional advances in prices of fabricated steel and iron to highest quotations ever known in the trade. Increase of the General Motors dividend from a 4 to 12 per cent. basis the strength of sterling exchange and unprecedented bank clearings for this period of the year were other encouraging incidents. News of the President's decision to arm ships and call an extra session of Congress was not received until after the market's close.

Today's maximum quotation for United States Steel and some other leaders represented the best prices in over a month.

Steel was steadily accumulated from the outset, making an extreme gain of 2 1-8 points at 112 1-3. Other industrials of the same class were higher by one to two half points, with one to three for the general run of munitions and equipments. Motors were active, General Motors scoring an overnight gain of 6 7-8 points at 120 5-8 Coppers supplemented recent advances. American Smelting making the greatest gain. Leather issues, papers and sugars received much of their impetus from professional sources, South Porto Rico Sugar rising 15 points in a single transaction. Lorillard Tobacco rose another 5 points to 215, with 8 3-4 for American Tobacco at 216 1-2. Shippings utilities and fertilizers gained one to five points on moderate dealings.

Trading in rails was relatively light, but mainly at higher prices with gains of 1 to 1 1-2 points for Pacifics, Reading, Lehigh Valley and Chicago and Northwestern.

International bonds were strong but domestic issues were irregular on weakness in Erie. Total sales, par value, $4,850,000. United States bonds, unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers	28⅝
American Beet Sugar	92⅞
American Can	46½
American Car & Foundry	69
American Cotton Oil	43½
American Locomotive	72⅛
American Smelting	106½
American Sugar	111
American Tel. & Tel.	127¼
American Tobacco	215⅝
American Zinc	37⅜
Anaconda Copper	85⅞
Atchison	102¾
Atlantic Coast Line	113¼
Baldwin Locomotive	54⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	76⅝
Bethlehem Steel	140½
Canadian Pacific	154
Central Leather	93
Chesapeake & Ohio	58½
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	81¾
Chicago, R. I. & Pac. Ry.	27⅛
Colorado Fuel & Iron	48
Consolidated Gas	120½
Corn Products	24⅞
Crucible Steel	67⅝
Cuba Cane Sugar	43¾
Erie	26¼
General Electric	165⅝
Great Northern pfd	113½
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	35⅝
Goodrich	55
Illinois Central	101
Inspiration Copper	61⅞
Int. Mer. Marine pfd	75⅞
International Nickel	42⅝
International Paper	45⅝
Kansas City Southern	22
Kennecott Copper, ex div.	45⅞
Lehigh Valley	69¼
Louisville & Nashville	125¼
Liggett & Myers	250
Lorillard Co.	215
Maxwell Motors, ex div.	53⅞
Mexican Petroleum	90
National Lead, ex div.	88½
New York Central	96
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford	43½
Norfolk & Western	129
Northern Pacific	103⅝
Pennsylvania	53⅞
Ray Consolidated Copper ex div.	29⅜
Reading	94
Republic Iron & Steel	81
Seaboard Air Line	14½
Seaboard Air Line pfd	32¼
Sloss Shef. Steel & Iron	66
Studebaker Corporation	103⅝
Southern Pacific	92½
Southern Railway	27⅝
Southern Railway pfd	56¾
Tennessee Copper	15
Texas Company	233
Union Pacific	135¾
United Fruit	145⅞
United States Rubber	59
United States Steel	112¾
United States Steel pfd	118
Utah Copper, ex div.	114⅞
Virginia Caro. Chem.	41
Wabash pfd "B"	25
Western Union	94½
Westinghouse Electric	50⅝
Missouri Pacific w.i.	29

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, March 9.—Spot cotton steady. Good middling 12.04; middling 11.94; low middling 11.76. Sales 5,000 bales; 500 for speculation and export; no receipts.

Futures, steady, closing; March 11.58; March and April 11.52; April and May 11.47; May and June 11.43; June and July 11.33; July and August 11.25; August and September 11.01; September and October 10.74; October and November 10.52; November and December 10.49; December and January 10.43; January and February 10.40; February and March 10.40; March and April 10.39.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, March 9.—Cotton seed oil was higher early on the bullish showing in hogs and grain, but later eased off under selling by local longs and the West on the down grade in lard and lack of outside support. Final prices were 8 to 15 points net lower. Tenders were 600 barrels; total sales 35,800 barrels.

Close steady: Spot 13.30 bid; May 13.32 to 13.35; April 13.32 to 13.35; May 13.33 to 13.36; June 13.34 to 13.38; July 13.34 to 13.36; August 13.36 to 13.39; September 13.35 to 13.38; October 12.75 to 12.91.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

March 10, 1917.

Meteorological data for day ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 45 degrees; at 8 P. M., 53 degrees; maximum, 62 degrees; minimum 43 degrees; mean, 53 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.55 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. yesterday, 33.5 feet, falling.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Fair Saturday and Sunday, little change in temperature.

The Port Calendar, March 10, 1917.

Sun rises .....6:29 A. M.
Sun sets .....6:15 P. M.
Day's length .....11 hrs. 46 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	10:52	11:19	4:15	6:30
Southport	8:40	8:57	2:50	3:03
Masonboro Inlet,	8:29	8:46	2:30	2:43

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

March 9, 1917.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest. Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P.
Abilene	pt cldy	78	48	.0
Asheville	clear	52	34	.0
Atlanta	clear	60	40	.0
Augusta	clear	64	38	.0
Baltimore	clear	46	..	.0
Birmingham	clear	66	38	.0
Boston	clear	46	36	.0
Charleston	clear	64	46	.0
Charlotte	clear	60	38	.0
Chicago	clear	44	32	.0
Galveston	rain	64	58	.08
Jaxville	clear	68	48	.0
Memphis	clear	66	46	.0
Mobile	clear	63	48	.0
Montgomery	clear	66	42	.0
N. Orleans	clear	68	52	.0
Oklahoma	clear	72	42	.0
Palestine	cldy	70	42	.0
Pittsburg	clear	38	32	.0
Raleigh	clear	58	42	.0
Savannah	clear	68	48	.0
Shreveport	cldy	72	44	.0
St. Louis	clear	58	34	.0
Washington	clear	46	33	.0

DUN'S TRADE REVIEW

New York, March 9.—Dun's Review tomorrow will say:

"A certain hesitation in business, with shrinkage in its volume, is natural at this season, and there is now all the more reason for it because of present disturbing elements. Yet the volume of transactions is greater than usual at this period and the position of commerce and industry remains remarkably strong, notwithstanding the foreign complications, transportation delays, and doubts about future supplies and prices. Recent storms and cold hindered efforts to relieve the freight congestion, and overseas shipments continue difficult and uncertain, but domestic movements of raw materials and products are freer and there is somewhat less restraint on manufacturing activities. Outputs in many directions, however, have appreciably diminished, and inability to make adequate progress in reducing accumulated contracts still prevents the acceptance of considerable new business.

"Weekly bank clearings, $5,059,563,022."

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, March 9.—Halting of export demand today acted as more than an offset for the bullish effects of diminished farm reserves. The market closed heavy ⅞ to 2½ net lower with May at 1.87⅛ to 1.87¾ and July at 1.56½ to 1.56⅝. Corn gained ⅛ to ⅜; oats finished unchanged to ⅛c down, and provisions irregular, ranging from 12 decline to a rise of 5 cents.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May 1.87⅛; July 1.56½.

Corn—May 1.09¼; July 1.03¼.

Oats—May 59½; July 57¼.

Pork—May 33.20; July 32.47.

Lard—May 18.80; July 18.77.

Ribs—May 17.87; July 17.42.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red nominal; No. 2 hard 1.99¾ to 2.00; No. 3 hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 3 yellow 1.09 to 1.10¼; No. 4 yellow 1.07 to 1.09.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, March 9.—Cotton goods for converting and manufacturing were firm and moderately active today. Finished goods were quiet and yarns irregular. Wool markets were firm and less active and ready-to-wear goods quiet.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, March 9.—Raw sugar easy; centrifugal 5.14; molasses 4.27; refined steady.

Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Strong.

Coffee—Spot dull; Rio 7s, 9½c; Santos 4s, 10c.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, March 9.—Beeves, firm; steers 9.00 to 11.60; bulls 6.25 to 9.10; extras 9.25 to 9.75; cows 4.50 to 9.50.

Calves—Firm; veals 13.00 to 16.00; culls 10.00 to 12.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Firm; medium to prime lambs 14.00 to 15.00.

Hogs—No trading.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, March 9.—Turpentine firm, 48c; sales 203; receipts 30; shipments 267; stock 12,818.

Rosin—Firm; sales 117; receipts 164; shipments 34; stock 79,432. Quote: A B C D E F G, 6.00; H I K M, 6.30; N, 6.30; WG, 6.30 to 6.45; WW, 6.70.

LIVERPOOL COTTON STATISTICS

Liverpool, March 9.—Weekly cotton statistics: Total forwarded to mills 68,000; American 57,000; stock 774,000, American 653,000; imports 25,000, American 24,000; exports 5,000.

Death at Peachland.

Wadesboro, N. C., March 9. — Mrs. Bessie Maness ,of Peachland, died in a local sanatorium here this afternoon at 1:45 o'clock, after an illness of several months, following an attack of la-grippe. Interment will be in Eastview cemetery tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Maness was a daughter of Mr. J. A. Crowder, and a sister of Mr. W. W. Crowler, both of Wadesboro.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Feb. 5th, 1917. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:20 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:45 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Daily except Sunday.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 3:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 63 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 62 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Daily except Sunday.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.
No. 57 7:00 P. M. Daily except Sunday	Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate points.	No.58 9:25 A. M. Daily except Sunday

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.
T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.
WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter P'rk	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsv'l	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsv'le for Wilmington	Leave Winter P'rk for Wilmington
*6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	.....	*6:15 A.M.	*6:26 A.M.
16:30 A.M.	16:30 A.M.	x16:30 A.M.	x17:05 A.M.	17:15 A.M.	17:26 A.M.
*6:50 A.M.	*6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	*7:20 A.M.	*7:31 A.M.
*8:00 A.M.	*8:00 A.M.	.....	*7:40 A.M.	*7:50 A.M.	*8:01 A.M.
*8:30 A.M.	*8:30 A.M.	*8:30 A.M.	.....	*8:30 A.M.	*8:41 A.M.
18:30 A.M.	18:30 A.M.	x18:30 A.M.	x19:05 A.M.	19:15 A.M.	19:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	*9:15 A.M.	*9:25 A.M.	*9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	.....	110:20 A.M.	110:31 A.M.
11:00 P.M.	*11:00 P.M.	11:00 P.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
*1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	x*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
o1:55 P.M.	o1:55 P.M.	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:55 P.M.	12:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	x*1:45 P.M.	*1:50 P.M.	*2:01 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	*2:25 P.M.	*2:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	o3:00 P.M.	o3:11 P.M.
o4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	o3:50 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
o4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	o4:30 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	o5:10 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	x6:40 P.M.	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	x7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

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|—Sundays only. z—Leaves from Station No. 3.
o—Superceded by half hour schedule Sunday afternoon.

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No. 13—8:55 P. M., Charlotte and intermediate points. Pullman Parlor Car to Charlotte.

No. 19.—5:00 A. M., Charlotte and Intermediate points. Sleeper to Charlotte; open 10:00 P. M.

ARRIVAL OF TRAINS.

No. 14.—12:30 P. M., Charlotte and Intermediate points. Pullman Parlor Car.

No. 20.—12:10 A. M., Charlotte and Intermediate points. Sleeper may be occupied until 7:00 o'clock A. M.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA. $28.75
On sale May 11 to 16th, inclusive; limited returning midnight, limit extended to June 15th on payment $1.00.

ATLANTA, G. $18.35
On sale April 2, 3; limited returning midnight April 11th.

ATLANTA, GA. $18.35
On sale March 11, 12, 13; limited returning midnight March 18th.

WASHINGTON, D. C. $8.90
On sale June 2 to 7th, inclusive; limited returning midnight June 21st; limit extended to July 6th on payment 50c.

DALLAS, TEX $52.20
On sale May 12, 14, 15. Limited returning midnight, June 8th.

MACON, GA. $13.20
On sale March 17th to April 4th, inc. Limited returning midnight, April 10th.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. $28.75
On sale March 11, 12, 13; limited returning midnight March 21st.

For furtner information, apply 'Phone 178.—

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6:45 A.M. Lv.	Goldsboro	Ar.	9:25 P.M.
7:40 A.M. Ar.	Selma	Lv.	8:38 P.M.
8:52 A.M. Ar.	Raleigh	Lv.	7:25 P.M.

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FIGHTING IS CHECKED BY BLIZZARD WEATHER

Little Results Obtained on Western Front for Two Days

German Soldiers Led to Believe That Unrestricted Warfare Will Bring Peace Within Three Months.

From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press, Brtish Headquarters in France, March 9 (via London).—Blizzard conditions have prevailed on the western front for two days, holding the military operations within a very small compass. Coming after a ten days' thaw and the apparent approach of an early spring, the renewed cold has been keenly felt.

The howling March gales, accompanied by heavy snowfalls, have interfered with nearly every phase of modern war activity, except the persistent roar of the British guns, which fire continuously, day and night.

It is increasingly evident that in carrying out their retirement in the Arras and Somme areas the Germans sacrificed large numbers of their very best soldiers. Carefully selected from various regiments they were given certain posts with instructions to hold them against all odds, a majority of them having no idea whatever that they were fighting a rear guard action.

It was not until their repeated "S. O. S." rocket signals for artillery assistance went completely unanswered that these men suspected the position in which they had been placed—that they formed a sacrificial screen covering the retreat of the main body of their comrades. The prisoners still profess belief in a German victory, frankly saying that they base their confidence largely in Germany's submarine campaign, which they and all the rest of the army have been told is sure to bring peace within three months. Letters found on prisoners and dead men also show the extent to which the promise of victory through unrestricted submarine warfare has been disseminated throughout the empire.

On the other hand, great pains seem to have been taken to prevent the men at the front from learning the details and the possibilities entailed with the break with the United States.

MAY PURCHASE THE ENTIRE 1917 CANADIAN WHEAT CROP

Ottawa, Ont., Merch 9.—The British government is negotiating for the purchase of the entire 1917 wheat crop of Canada, it was announced here tonight. Sir George Foster, acting prime minister, has placed the proposal before western Canadian farmers organizations. It is understood that the dominion government will handle the business, buying from the farmers at a price satisfactory to them and looking after transportation to the seaboard. Great Britain bought the Australian wheat crop last year.

Russian Food Conference

London, March 9.—The Russian government has called a special conference to meet immediately to deal with the food problem in Petrograd, which is said to be extremely urgent, according to a Reuter's dispatch from the Russian capital.

APPEAL MADE TO THE PATRIOTISM OF PRESS AND CABLE COMPANIES

(Continued from Page One.)

news about the arrival of ships or when any of them will sail for European ports. There is no power of censorship in our country. The President does not have any authority over the press. In this time of National emergency, I feel sure that every newspaper will accede to the request not to even give a hint or speculation of the sailing of American ships. Such publication might result in the loss of life. As the reasons are so obvious for making this request there is confidence in administration circles that this request will be complied with by every paper in the country.

"All patriotic Americans are ready to make sacrifices for their country in times of emergency. The press can render the highest patriotic service by refraining from printing at this time what ordinarily they would freely print.

"Inasmuch as it will be impossible to reach every paper and news agency directly, I will ask all papers to carry this request which is made as an appeal to patriotism to all journalists and disseminators of news. The best news the readers can have is that the government will protect the rights of America to the freedom of the seas. The publication of details can serve no good purpose and might jeapardize human life. All readers will surely applaud the papers in responding to this appeal."

Mount Guns Quickly

With the departure of the first armed American ship it will be necessary for the Navy Department to issue instructions to gun crews as to the maner in which the weapons are to be employed. In that will be involved a declaration of policy as to whether the appearance of a submarine in the neighborhood of a ship is sufficient warrant for opening fire. Officials would not discuss this aspect of the situation.

When the application of a ship owner for arms has been approved by the Navy Department, the commandant of the nearest navy yard will be instructed to place the guns aboard. Most of the work probably will be done at the yards where facilities are available for handling heavy weights quickly. In some cases structural changes in ships' decks may be necessary to carry the gun weight. In any event, however, it will take no more than a few days to outfit any ship.

Contracts for additional guns of suitable size are being speeded up. It is expected that they can be completed so that weapons will be quickly available for converting merchant craft into naval auxiliaries if war comes.

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IMPORTANT VICTORY WON BY THE FRENCH

All Points Along 1,500 Meter Front Occupied Thursday.

Associated Press Correspondent Witnesses the Battle Between Butte De Mesnile and Maisons De Champagne.

From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press With the French Armies in Champagne, France, March 9—The success of the French troops Thursday between Butte De Mesnile and Maisons De Champagne was even more important than was thought at first. The troops advanced along a 1,500-metre front to a depth ranging from 600 to 800 metres, occupying it at all points. The casualties of the Germans were very heavy, and up to the present 136 prisoners, including three officers, have been counted. Throughout Wednesday night and Thursday morning the French artillery of every calibre had shelled heavily the German line. Every gun was trained on trenches and block houses opposite the French line.

The Associated Press correspondent saw the first infantrymen clamber out of the front trench and proceed at a slow pce across No Man's Land preceded by a complete curtain of fire from the artillery, which raised and dropped methodically as the footmen advanced. The German artillery, meanwhile, opened a heavy curtain of fire, which however, did not restrict the French advance.

Gradually the French troops reached the first line German trenches, where the German occupants could be seen here and there rushing out, their hands raised in the air. They were passed through the advancing French ranks and hurried to the rear. At some points, however, the Germans had made their positions regular fortresses, and here there was sharp grenade and rifle fighting. But the positions succumbed one after another to the French attack.

Waves of infantry could then be seen making their way slowly up the slopes until they attained their fixed objective. While the fight was in progress, French airplanes circled overhead and watched the movements of the Germans behind the point attacked. No German airplanes made their appearance during the fight, but an occasional sharp rattle of machine guns behind the thick snow clouds gave evidence of their presence.

After the fight was over group after group of prisoners was passed along the roads toward the rear. The total of these men is not yet known. Most of them seemingly were very young.

Wireless on Appam Only for Receiving

APPARATUS COULD NOT SEND MESSAGES—PRESENCE MADE KNOWN TO U. S. MARSHAL ON DAY CREW LEFT FOR INTERNMENT.

Norfolk, Va., March 9.—That the wireless apparatus discovered today on the prize ship Appam was only capable of receiving but could not send messages, and that its presence on the vessel was made known to United States Marshal John C. Saunders, by a petty German officer on the day that Lieutenant Berg and his crew left the Appam for internment at Philadelphia, are the latest developments following this afternoon's investigation.

Over the long distance telephone this afternoon Marshall Saunders said that on the morning of February 3, when he went aboard the Appam to remove the prize crew and send them to Philadelphia for internment, he was informed by a German petty officer of a system of flashing messages ashore by the use of electric bulbs. The means of communication were used then to transmit a message to Marshal Saunders on the Yamacraw.

Naval experts who examined the wireless apparatus declared positively that the system could have been employed only for what is known as "listening in." They further declared that had any other equipment been used for sending messages, it would have led to immediate discovery.

Further investigation is not probable.

PUBLISHERS MUST PRACTICE ECONOMY IN USE OF PAPER

This Regarded Essential to the Success of the Price-Fixing Plan.

Washington, March 9.—News-print paper price arbitration, undertaken by the Federal Trade Commission, will succeed, in the opinion of the commission, only if publishers practice the closest economies in the use of paper. Blank agreement forms sent today to publishers throughout the country inform them that to benefit by the price fixing plan they must not only consent to reduce five per cent. of their paper requirements but must agreement to discontinue return privileges and must buy additional paper only to meet the most urgent needs.

To insure that small publishers get paper, the commission is working on a plan under which maufacturers will sell to them first the paper released by large publishers.

Fix Maximum Food Prices

London, March 9.—The produce exchanges in all English cities have drawn up with the sanction of the food controller a list of maximum prices for bacon, butter, cheese, lard which importers, manufacturers and curers will not be allowed to exceed. The list will be revised fortnightly by Baron Devenport, the food controller.

Sees Big Wheat Shortage.

Paris, March 9.—France and her allies and neutral countries this year must economize or replace with other cereals from 34 to 38 per cent. of their requirements of wheat, according to estimates made in the chamber of deputies today by Victor Boret, president of the agricultural committee.

AUBREY WIGGINS WINS DECLAMATION CONTEST

Competing Against Speakers From 52 High Schools

First Annual High School Contest at Wake Forest a Huge Success; Will Be a Permanent Annual Event. Good Attendance.

(Special Star Telegram).

Wake Forest, N. C., March 9.—Competing against 52 preparatory schools, representing every section of the State, Aubrey P. Wiggins, of East Durham High School, speaking on "The Unknown Speaker," this afternoon won first place in the initial annual interscholastic declamation contest at Wake Forest College, and was awarded a first prize valued at $62.50, consisting of a scholarship in the college and a handsome gold medal. Martin Luther, of White Oak High School, was awarded the second prize, a gold pin.

From the 52 participants in the contest, 10 were selected last night in a series of elimination preliminaries to speak this afternoon in the final contest.

Wingate Memorial Hall was the scene of the final declamations and an audience that comfortably filled the large hall was present to greet the contestants.

The 10 declaimers appearing were: Aubrey Wiggins, East Durham High School; Martin Luther, White Oak High School; Harry Dorsett, Siler City; Emmett Powell, Clinton; Billie H. Hall, Teachey; J. E. Schenck, Mount Pleasant; Howell Moss, Wilson; Lowell Spivey, Windsor; J. W. Grahl, Waynesville; Walter Stallings, Justice.

The judges, President William Louis Poteat, Dr. N. Y. Gulley and Prof. E. W. Sydnor, rendered their decision amidst an outburst of cheering, attesting the popular approval of their selection. It is the third time that Aubrey Wiggins has taken first in a declamation contest with the same subject. He has previously won out in similar contests at Trinity College and Elon College.

The initial step taken by the committee for bringing Wake Forest College into closer contact with the preparatory schools of the State has been crowned with success and the contest is assured for the college as an annual event.

FOUR INDIVIDUALS' INCOMES MORE THAN $1,000,000 A YEAR

Three Chicago Estates Also Will Be Heavy Income Tax Payers.

Chicago, March 9.—Income tax figures being compiled are said to show four Chicago individuals—three of them of one family—and three estates, with incomes of $1,000,000 a year or more. The figures follow:

	Valuation	Income
Marshall Field estate	$225,000,000	$10,000,000
J. O. Armour	125,000,000	5,000,000
Harold F. McCormick	45,000,000	1,700,000
Mrs. Nettie F. McCormick	27,000,000	1,075,000
Cyrus H. McCormick	30,000,000	1,200,000
Otto Young estate	26,500,000	1,060,000
G. Swift estate.	26,000,000	1,025,000

Others are said to have incomes above the million mark in the form of dividends from corporations which themselves pay the tax.

6,000 POUNDS OF SEA BASS SHIPPED FROM SOUTHPORT

(Special Star Correspondence).

Southport, N. C., March 9.—The fishing smack Thomaston came in with 6,000 pounds of sea bass, Captain Chas. Hewett being the purchaser, packing the fish and shipping them today, via the steamer Wilmington to Philadelphia and New York. These fish were caught a few miles off the Cape Fear lightship, most of the catch being made in one day.

Dosher-St. George factory are putting up in cans for shipment another car-load of shrimp that were shipped here from St. Mary's, Ga. These shrimp are fine looking, large size, and will be wanted by the trade.

The run of shad in this vicinity has fairly commenced, though the season is a little late. There are not many being caught, but those brought in are the finest shad seen here in years.

THIRTY ADDITIONAL COAL OPERATORS HELD UNDER BOND

New York, March 9.—Thirty more of the five-five West Virginia coal operators recently indicted for alleged violation of the Sherman law in raising the price of coal, were held in $3,000 bail each in the Federal district court here today after making tentative pleas of not guilty. The court granted them until March 26 to withdraw their pleas. Many of the defendants, it was said, came here together by special train.

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BORNEMANN'S SPECIALS — FRESH country eggs, 25 cents dozen; lima beans, 11½ cents pound; 4 pounds whole rice, 25 cents; 2 cans of corn, 25 cents; 3 packages macaroni, 25 cents; 5 pound can Hygeia coffee, $1.23; 10 pounds best rye flour, 69 cents; 6 bars clean easy soap, 25 cents; royal scarlet maple syrup, pint bottle, 25 cents. Eggs not delivered without an additional order. Phone 853, C. H. Bornemann. mh 10-1t*

LOST,—ROLL, TIED WITH PIECE OF English twine, containing checks, drafts and an amount of money. Description will be given and liberal reward paid for return to "Owner", who will be fully identified at Star office. mh 10-1t

LADIES STRAW HATS CLEANED like new, 50c; suits pressed, 25c; felt hats cleaned, 50c. Work can't be beat. American Practical Hatter, 128 Market street. Phone 393-J. mh 10-1t

RED ONIONS, SPINACH, CELERY, cauliflower, turnips, cabbage, etc. Yard eggs, 30 cents, guaranteed. Country butter. Phone No. 72, Batson's Meat Market. mh 10-1t

EGGS! EGGS! EGGS! FRESH COUNtry eggs, special today, 4 dozen for $1.00. Porto Rico potatoes, 30c peck; North Carolina hams, shoulders and sides. Phone 1002, Tripp Grocery Co., No. 8 Market street. mh 10-1t

XETRA FANCY DRESSED CHICKENS. Country eggs just in, guaranteed fresh, 30 cents dozen; 4 dozen $1.10. Beef, veal, lamb and pork. Fresh New River oysters; all kinds of fresh vegetables. Phone No. 72, Batson's Meat Market. mh 10-1t

OLD NEWSPAPERS—SUITABLE FOR wrapping or placing under carpets; limited number for sale at 20 cents per hundred while they last, at The Star office. mh 8-tf

FOR RENT—FURNISHED BED ROOM, Grand Theatre Bldg. Ideal for gentleman. D. R. Foster & Co., Agents, 112 Princess street. mh 9-tf-su-tu-3t

"PICKING CHERRIES"—RED CHERries worth 30c can, Saturday price, 24c. Atkinson & Watters. mh 9-2t

SPECIAL SALE SATURDAY—15C package buckwheat, 11½c. Atkinson & Watters. mh 9-2t

WATCHMAN WANTED—FOR SAW mill plant. Must have good references and experience in watching. Salary $10.00 per week. Apply to H. Garrett Smith, Faison, N. C. mh 9-2t

$25.00 REWARD FOR SUFFICIENT evidence to convict the person who has been breaking in my place of business, 519 Red Cross street. Lee How, California Laundry. mh 9-7t*

WANTED—3 SALESMEN TO SELL INdispensable article of wearing apparel. Every person wears and buys. No market to create. Your entire time devoted to prospects. If you can qualify, write The Finebrand Raincoat Company, Hippodrome Bldg. Cleveland, Ohio. Remuneration in advance. mh 9-3t*

FOXES WANTED AT ONCE—WILL pay five dollars each and express charges for females and four dollars for males, if shipped at once. Slightly crippled included. W. T. Hughes, Danville, Va. mh 9-7t*

FOR SALE—NICE ASSORTMENT OF mules and horses. Will sell for cash or credit. You will always find my terms reasonable. Come to see me. L. E. Squires Sale Stables, Council, N. C. fe 18-tf

BRAIDING, BRAIDING — ORDERS taken any day, except Saturday, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. Charges according to design. 307 North Fifth avenue. fe 27-7t*

AUTO OWNERS—WHEN COLD WEAther gets your radiator, don't forget that Klander, 8 South Second street, is the man who can give you the best job and the most satisfaction. Out-of-town shipments given prompt attention and fairest treatment. fe 4-tf

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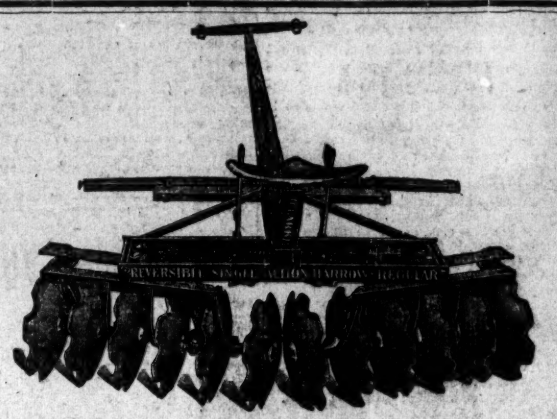

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